

NEWS

Grayling graduate trapped in Mali after military coup

A 2003 Grayling High School graduate was among a number of Americans trapped in a West African country, which was taken over by its own military forces.

Eric Hunter was hoping to fly out of Mali on Wednesday, March 28, after air flights resume and borders of the country are reopened.

Last week, Malian soldiers led by Capt. Amadou Sanogo took control of the nation from President Amadou Toumani Toure. **Page 9**

SPORTS

Baseball team's strengths include speed, pitching



Grayling High School's varsity baseball team started its official practices on Monday, March 12, and practiced outside for part of the first week of the pre-season.

"It's nice now that we've been able to get outside," said Bret Krabill, who's in his second year as coach of the squad, on Friday, March 16, during the program's first full outdoor session.

"We got a lot of pitching in, a lot of throwing," Coach Krabill said.

Krabill said the team's been hitting well in the batting cage, but live hitting vs. live pitching in a game situation is different.

"Hitting's always the wild card. When we face that first pitcher, who knows?" Coach Krabill said. **Page 13**

Vikings split in softball opener at Whittemore



The GHS varsity softball team started its 2012 season with a split at Whittemore-Prescott on Thursday night, falling 4-2 in game one and winning 4-2 in game two (in extra innings) of the nonconference doubleheader.

In game one, the Vikings scored two runs in the top of the first inning. The Whittemore Cardinals answered with three runs in the bottom of the first. Whittemore added one more run in the bottom of the second inning, and neither team scored again after that. The Cardinals won 4-2.

Grayling won 4-2 in game two. **Page 12**

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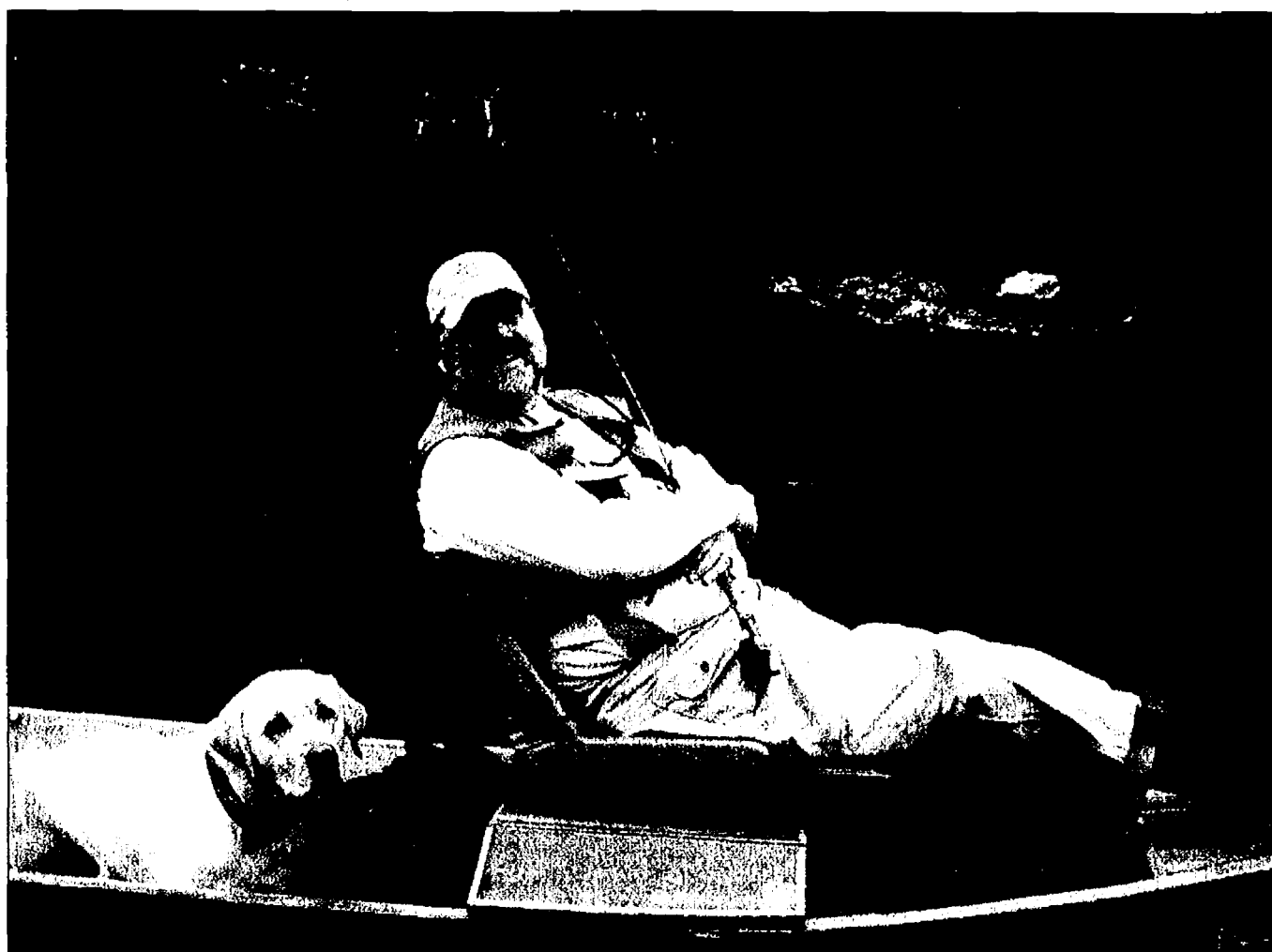
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Photos by Dan Sanderson

Six wounded warriors were treated to the peace and tranquility with a float down the AuSable River, capping off a week in the community through a national initiative called Project Healing Waters. Above, U.S. Air Force veteran Doug Rink, who was accompanied by his service dog "Scooter," was all smiles after he came to end of his float down the blue-ribbon trout stream.

Wounded warriors make bamboo fly rods, float the AuSable River

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Six wounded warriors were treated to the peace and tranquility with a float down the AuSable River, capping off a week in the community through a national initiative called Project Healing Waters.

Project Healing Waters' mission is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled and active military service personnel and veterans through fly fishing and fly tying education and outings.

Retired Navy Cpt. Ed Nicholson started the program in 2004 after he went to Walter Reed Army Medical Center Hospital in Washington, D.C. for cancer surgery. He witnessed current soldiers struggling through their own recoveries.

As an avid outdoorsman, Nicholson recruited friends and started offering fly tying classes. Then, during the spring and summer months, the initial group organized trips to fishing spots in the area because they knew that nature could heal the spirit and

body, not only from physical wounds, but long-term issues such as post traumatic stress disorder.

The program provides basic fly fishing, fly casting, fly tying and rod building classes, along with clinics for wounded and injured personnel ranging from beginners to those with prior fly fishing and tying experience who are adapting their skills to their new abilities. All fly fishing and tying equipment is provided to the participants at no cost. Fishing trips, both one day and multi-day are also provided at no cost to the participants.

The project relies on the Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited, and independent fly fishing clubs to conduct the program through the Department of Defense and Disabled American Veterans hospitals across the nation. The volunteer staff and outings leaders include experienced fly fishers and guides, who donate their time and knowledge to support the project participants.

The veterans flew into Cherry

Capital Airport in Traverse City on Sunday, March 18, then sampled some local cuisine at Spike's Keg O' Nails.

The veteran's visit to Grayling was coordinated by local river guide Victor Edwards and Jim Ottevaere, a "Project Healing Waters" sponsor who has a cabin on the Manistee River near Grayling. Ottevaere assists veteran through Project Healing Waters at Ft Belvoir, Va.

Some of the veterans stayed above the Old AuSable Fly Shop.

"These guys were pretty stoked to be staying above a fly shop right on the banks of the AuSable River," Edwards said.

During the week, the veterans crafted their own, hand-made, custom bamboo fly rods.

Ron Barch, the editor of "The Planing Form" a newsletter for bamboo rod builders for over 20 years, was the lead instructor for the rod building class. Dennis Highman supplied the components for the rods. Rod builders Mike Biondo and Peter Jones assisted with the class.

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U.S. Navy veteran Hank Lessard has his hands tucked up inside his shirt sleeves due to a spill into the chilly AuSable River waters.

Huron Pines opts to move offices to Gaylord

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is holding a non-profit conservation group's feet to the fire financially.

The board, by a four to two vote, approved to terminate a lease with Huron Pines, a non-profit organization which has a mission to conserve forests, lakes and streams.

In February, the county purchased the building where Huron Pines offices are located at 501 Norway Street from Dave Wyman. The county paid \$300,000 for the building and plans to move District Health Department #10 offices to part of the building from their current location at 503 Meadows Drive.

After the county purchased the building, the Huron Pines Board of Directors sought to negotiate a termination of its lease because they do not believe it is compatible to be in the same building as the Health Department.

"Noise carries throughout that whole building," said Brad Jensen, the executive director for Huron Pines. "I think you're going to have some pretty big time privacy issues on behalf of both organizations."

Stephenson disagreed with that opinion.

"It's not like you're going to be intermingling with them," Stephenson said. "You're in one part of the building and they are going to be in another part."

Huron Pines currently has a staff of 10 employees. Through funds gained through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the organization plans to hire five more people.

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Farm market will move downtown this summer

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The Grayling Farm Market will be uprooted and moved to a new location this summer.

The Grayling Farm Market is scheduled to open for the season from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, in the Grayling City Park.

On June 9, the Grayling Farm Market will add a second day on Saturday, with plans on maintaining weekend hours as summer progresses and harvest time approaches.

"For a brief period of time, both farm markets will be running on Thursday and Saturday, transitioning the Thursdays out by the end of summer," said Grayling Farm Market Manager Beth Hubbard.

The move to the downtown area was prompted by a lack of parking and space in the Grayling City Park as vendor participation at the farm market continues to grow.

Two locations are still being considered, which include the parking lot the city owns behind the former Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel and on Michigan Avenue.

Hubbard wants to continue to promote health and nutrition while giving downtown businesses an economic shot in the arm.

"If it's downtown, people are already out mingling and shopping and I feel that they will go in and out of the stores," Hubbard said.

The Grayling Farm Market will also include local artisans selling handcrafted items this year.

"Offering handmade artisan crafts plus the farm market will be appealing to almost every type of person," Hubbard said. "I think it's a win-win for our community, with the increase in foot traffic and putting them on our streets so they will go to our local businesses."

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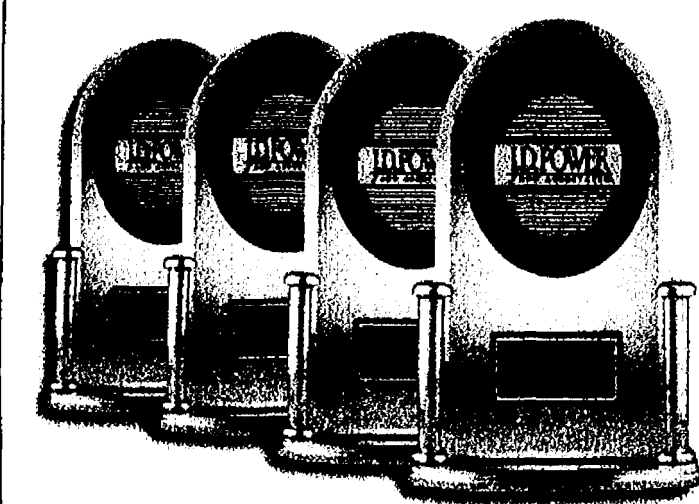
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Beaver Creek Township cat fight over non-profit shelter continues on

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

The owner of a non-profit cat shelter earned another day in court last week in hopes of continuing operations.

46th Circuit Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy ruled in favor of Beaver Creek Township on two arguments in a lawsuit filed against Delores Guay, but will hold another hearing on disputed zoning.

Guay is the owner of the Leaning Oaks Cat Haven, which she started in 2007. She obtained a license to operate the facility through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and gained nonprofit status as a rescue operation.

In 2009, Beaver Creek Township planners denied a special use permit for Guay, essentially shutting down the non-profit cat rescue operation. Beaver Creek Township Zoning Administrator Gerald Balmes recommended Guay seek a special use permit to have a home occupation business after receiving several complaints from neighbors about feral cats around her property.

Guay's property is located in a residentially zoned neighborhood, where the operation of a business is prohibited, with the exception of a home occupation.

Guay applied to have the cat haven considered as a home business, feline rescue, trapping and adoption and monthly shot clinic under township regulations.

The Beaver Creek

Township Planning Commission ruled that the Leaning Oaks Cat Haven did not qualify as a home occupation and denied her request for a special use permit.

On Jan. 14, 2010, Murphy ruled that Guay exhausted her right to appeal the decision of the Beaver Creek Township's Planning Commission to the local court system.

Last July, Michigan Court of Appeals Justices ruled that Murphy was correct in deciding the court had no jurisdiction over the matter. The Justices also said Murphy was accurate to rule that Guay failed to exhaust her administrative remedies in a timely manner. Finally, they ruled that Guay's claim should be barred and considered a collateral attack on the planning commission's decision.

Beaver Creek Township is seeking injunctive relief in Crawford County Circuit Court, seeking to get Guay to comply with the township's ordinance. The township's ordinance only allows a person to have four pets or domesticated animals at a residence. Guay has two cats as pets and 18 cats in her shelter, which is located in the basement of her home.

"It's a great idea for what this lady is doing and we commend her for that," said Gerard Brabant, a Roscommon attorney representing Beaver Creek Township. "We have 20 cats on the premises and I don't know what more you

can say about this."

Grayling Attorney Adam Vernon, who has represented Guay in her three-year battle to keep the cat shelter open, argued that the cats are kept separate from Guay's family living quarters. He also said the cats are not pets, they are feral and wild and should be considered as inventory of the animal shelter.

Brabant was baffled with Vernon's attempt to make a distinction between shelter cats and cats kept in a home.

"It flies in the face of reality," he said. "It's a great argument, but I don't see it carrying the day."

Murphy agreed saying cat is included as a definition in the township's zoning ordinance to make a distinction between pets and their more wild feline family members such as a cougar, bobcat or a lynx.

"Feral or not, a cat is a cat in my view," Murphy said.

Despite losing arguments on the number of cats allowed and where they are kept, Murphy did preserve one argument in Guay's favor.

Vernon is still arguing that the cat shelter should be considered as a home occupation. Although it is not listed in the township's ordinance with other common home occupations such as a seamstress/dressmaker, accountant, real estate agent or hair stylist, Vernon said the list of potential home occupations is not exhausted.

Vernon added that the

shelter does not take up more than 25 percent of the ground level in Guay's home.

Vernon said the township is bound to abide by the language and definitions in its ordinance.

"It's intended to secure some flexibility in favor of a home occupation," Vernon said.

Murphy noted that a special use permit for the animal shelter would need the approval from neighboring residents and Balmes.

Vernon said Balmes suggested Guay seek the special use permit as the easiest way to resolve the zoning issue, but argued that the permit was not needed in the first place.

Neighbors complained that cat feces and urine were on their property, likely from people who dumped cats in the area after learning Guay operated the shelter.

Vernon said that Guay does not even have a sign, indicating the shelter is at her home.

"We're not interfering with the use of anyone's property and it doesn't change the character of the neighborhood one bit," Vernon said.

A future hearing will be held to determine if the shelter can be considered as a home occupation or if a special use permit is required.

Murphy commended Guay for providing a community service.

"I like what she is doing," Murphy said. "I'm an animal lover."

Gun traffickers sent to prison

by Dan Sanderson
 Staff Writer

Two men, who were found guilty by a jury for their involvement in stealing guns from area homes and cabins and trading them for drugs with Detroit

gangs, were sentenced to prison terms last week.

46th Trial Court Judge Dennis F. Murphy on Monday, March 20, sentenced Michael Joseph Beaver, 32, of Dearborn, to serve 150 months to 30 years in prison for home invasion first degree. Murphy also sentenced Beaver to serve 28 months to seven years and six months in prison for two counts of larceny of firearms and one count of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Beaver's co-defendant, Damon Dee Pamame, 40 of Mio, was sentenced to serve 28 months to 15 years in prison for two counts of receiving and concealing stolen firearms. Murphy

also sentenced Pamame to serve 28 months to seven years and six months for two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon.

Crawford County Prosecutor Everette Ayers said the case involved a home invasion, which occurred around Feb. 2, 2010. Numerous items were stolen from the residence, including firearms, tools and a safe. The crime was solved when Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Alexander recovered a cigarette butt left at the scene. The cigarette butt was sent to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab. DNA obtained from the cigarette butt showed a match to Ryan Michael Plaga, 31 of Houghton Lake, who was

later arrested.

Plaga testified against Beaver and Pamame at their jury trial. In February, Murphy sentenced Plaga to serve 10 months to 22 years and six months in prison for weapons-firearms-possession, weapons-firearms-felony and home invasion second-degree. Murphy also sentenced Plaga to serve two years in prison for felony firearms before serving time for the other charges.

The three men were ordered to pay \$47,215 to the homeowner.

"This is just not play stuff," Ayers said. "They took \$50,000 worth of stuff out of this guy's house."

Ayers said additional charges would be sought for the break-ins of other cabins, which were not included in the restitution.

Murphy said the amount of property the men conspired to steal factored into his sentencing of Beaver, which was the 10th time he has been in court.

"It was a treasure trove of stolen property that was recovered," Murphy said.

Despite health issues, Murphy admonished Pamame for being involved in criminal activity at this age.

"You're a member of the same den of thieves and you're all a pack of liars," Murphy said. "Stolen guns can't be traced and they end up being involved in other crimes."

Murphy hit Pamame with \$8,000 in penal fines, since charges the jury convicted him for were all for financial gain.

"You were in for the money - pure greed," Murphy said.

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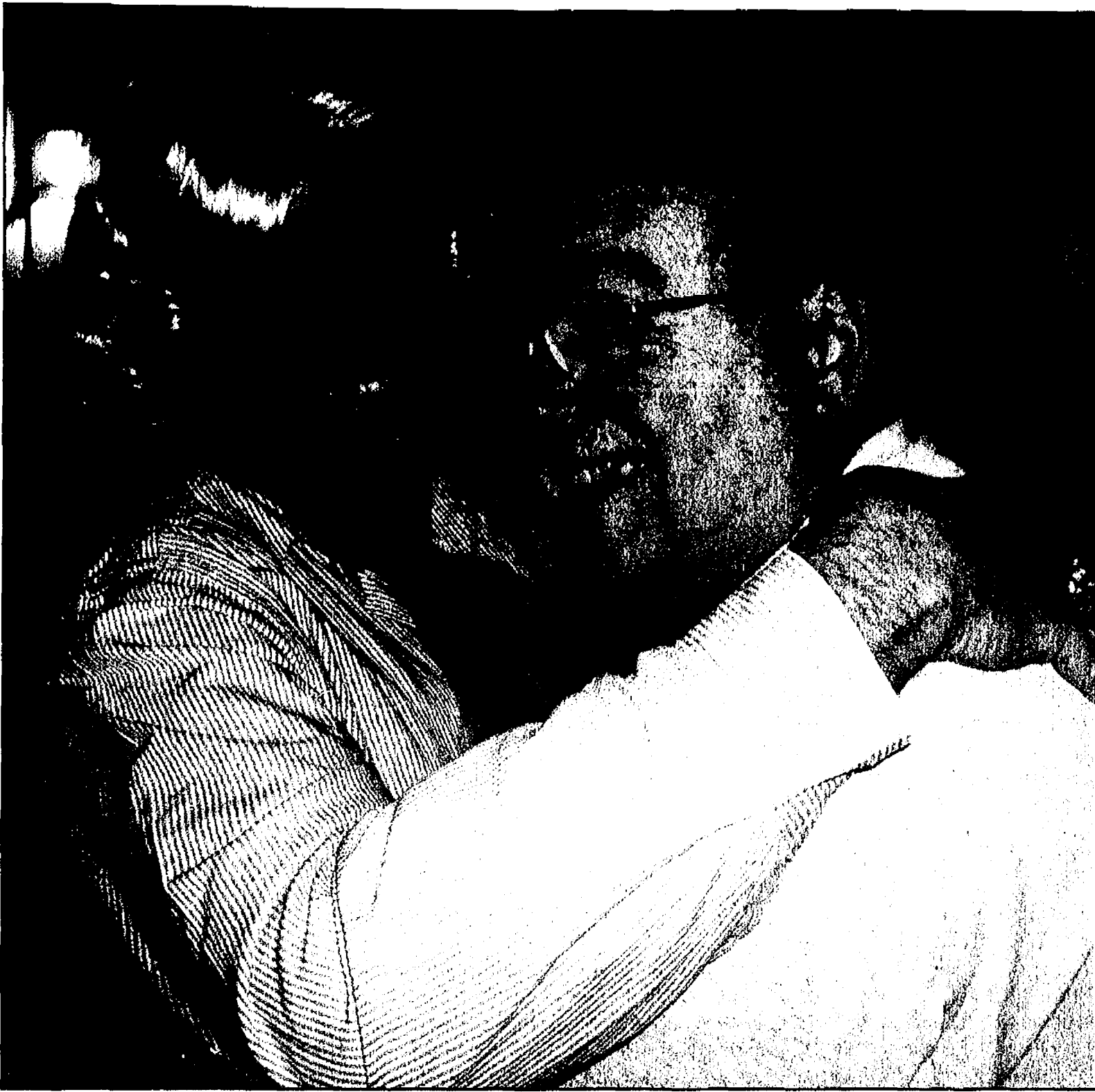
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CHARACTERS CUT THE RUG FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



A 50's Dance Party to benefit Special Olympics was held on Saturday at the Grayling Eagles Club Aerie #3465. Volunteers raised \$2,300 to support local Special Olympians. Above, Bill Brown, of Grayling, who coordinated the dance, and Bruno Bucci, the founder of the Rusty Nuts Car Club based in Houghton Lake, which holds fund-raisers for the Special Olympics, take part in a celebratory dance at the party.

Photo by Dan Sanderson

Meth traffickers sentenced to prison

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Three people, including the parents of three children, were sentenced to serve prison terms for methamphetamine trafficking in Crawford County.

Chief 46th Circuit Trial Court Judge Janet M. Allen on March 14 sentenced Phillip Edward Eckstein, 25, of Traverse City, to serve two years and one month to 20 years in prison. Eckstein plead guilty to a charge of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture methamphetamine on Dec. 5, 2011.

Allen sentenced Dasie Nichole Herrmann, 31, of Grayling, to serve 35 months to 20 years in prison. She plead guilty to a charge of controlled substance-operating/maintaining a laboratory in the presence of a minor on Jan. 9.

Finally, Gary Edward Herrmann Jr., 41, of Grayling, was sentenced to

serve five years to 20 years in prison. He also plead guilty to controlled substance-operating/maintaining a laboratory in the presence of a minor on Jan. 9. A count of controlled substance-delivery/manufacture methamphetamine second or subsequent offense-double penalty was dropped by the Crawford County Prosecutor's office.

The three were arrested on Aug. 30 by officers from the Strike Team Investigative Narcotics Group (STING), who were investigating suspected methamphetamine trafficking in Grayling Township.

STING, assisted by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies, executed a search warrant at a residence and discovered evidence that two meth labs were located in a trailer.

The Herrmanns and three minor children were at the trailer when the search warrant was served. Eckstein

had fled the scene prior to the arrival of the officers.

Later that day, Crawford County Animal Control Officer Gail Foguth was at the trailer to remove a dog. Foguth witnessed a male suspect leaving the trailer.

While hiding in the woods near the trailer, Eckstein fell from a tree and dislocated his shoulder and fractured bones in his back. He was taken into custody by STING officers with the assistance of Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies.

The Michigan State Police's Seventh District Meth Response Team, which includes police trained to deal with methamphetamine labs and removal of associated hazardous materials, assisted STING in the investigation.

Allen ordered Eckstein and the Herrmanns to pay \$1,731 in restitution for the cost of remediating the highly toxic chemicals.

The Herrmann's children

are now living with family members.

Tools taken from repair business

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Thousands of dollars in tools were taken from a Grayling auto repair and maintenance business last week.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk A. Wakefield said deputies were dispatched at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, to a break-in at Grayling Car Care, located at 4430 M-72 West.

A door to the business was pried open during the night and a large amount of hand tools were stolen. The owner is still preparing a list of the tools stolen, but the loss could be \$10,000 to \$15,000, Wakefield said.

Anyone with information regarding the theft is asked to call Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Jacobi at the Crawford Sheriff's Office at (989) 348-4616 at extension #336 or Detective Sgt. John McDonald at extension #211.

Wakefield said that those

who wish to remain anonymous can access his department's website at <http://www.crawfordsheriff.org/crimetips.htm> and leave a message or use the phone tip line, which is (989) 344-3228.

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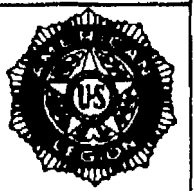
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Almanack

by Richard Milliman

Will Newt Gingrich finally step aside?

PREFACE TO this essay:
The Republican candidate for president in the November election needs votes of 1,144 delegates at the party's nominating convention in late summer to earn the nomination.

As of the day this is written, Gov. Mitt Romney has won 568 delegates, Sen. Rick Santorum 273, Speaker Newt Gingrich 135 and Rep. Ron Paul 50.

PRESSURE IS growing in many Republican circles urging former Speaker Newt Gingrich to pack it up and drop his campaign.

The Gingrich presidential fortunes followed an up-and-down pattern in earlier state by state primaries and caucuses, but have reached a steady level low enough to ensure he cannot come out on top of the four way GOP race.

Why then doesn't he recognize reality, save his ener-

gy and conserve his money by getting out of the race now?

Mr. Santorum, the darling of the religious right, ultra conservatives and Tea Party activists in state after state and most strongly in the south, has suggested Mr. Gingrich withdraw for some time, supposing that Gingrich supporters naturally would flock to the Santorum camp and present a united conservative alternative to not as conservative Candidate Romney.

On the other side, a flock of Republican party leaders, most of whom already are in the Romney camp, suggest withdrawal by both Mr. Gingrich and Mr. Santorum as well, so the party can unite behind a single candidate - Mr. Romney - and get on with the campaign against President Obama instead of wasting energy and resources fighting each other.

In both lines of thinking, Candidate Ron Paul is dismissed as a relative flea on the Republican elephant's rump; he can continue his campaign because it makes no difference in either short or long ranges.

IN MANY WAYS, all these suggestions are solid political advice, but nobody's moving out, and it very likely will be a four-candidate race right up until the Tampa nominating convention.

All four men want to be president. Each thinks he can win. Each thinks he can do many good things for this country. If they didn't believe these things, they would not be running in the first place, and enduring all the hardships that a lively national presidential campaign entails.

Mr. Romney could lock up the majority 1,144 delegate support before the

Tampa convention. His strategy seems to be to win enough delegates by June.

Mr. Santorum seems to believe he could thwart Mr. Romney's delegate strategy if his own support, already won largely in southern and border states, could be combined with Mr. Gingrich's delegate support, also largely from the same geography where Mr. Santorum has shown strength.

MR. GINGRICH likely concedes to himself that he cannot win enough delegate support to be nominated through primaries and caucuses.

If he still entertains dreams of becoming president, then the only way Mr. Gingrich could win the nomination is by denying a successful pre-convention delegate majority to both Mr. Romney and Mr. Santorum, and sending the decision to the national con-

vention.

In this scenario, if neither of the two front runners would receive the magical 1,144 votes on the convention's first ballot, then the question is wide open, and Newt Gingrich might become a viable alternative or at least he could wield a heavy hand in forming the eventual outcome.

This Gingrich open convention option is not likely to happen, but he won't withdraw from an active campaign if there's any chance it could.

Sen. Santorum probably won't withdraw either, if there's even a tiny chance he could win the nomination.

Nor will Gov. Romney withdraw, as Mr. Santorum has suggested, and instead likely will win enough delegate support by mid-summer to clinch the nomination.

But in politics, strange things often happen, and

what's been going on so far in this campaign season makes any predictions a very risky business.

A word of caution to faithful readers:

Keep in mind an Almanack prediction four years ago that the brash young senator from Illinois, who was challenging the Democratic party establishment by going after his party's nomination for president, was merely a refreshing flash-in-the-pan who wouldn't survive as a candidate through November of 2007.

Oh, yeah. Strange things do indeed happen in politics.

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Deputies need more training so that this sort of tragedy is never repeated

To the editor:

I have a lot of respect for the police and sheriff's offices, but I have to question their use of "reasonable force" in the shooting of William Reddie.

When the deputies were issued their Tasers, were they not taught what Tasers are for? Or did they think Tasers are only good for subduing unarmed drunks, and/or tasing each other and them posting the video to YouTube so everyone can have a good laugh over some guy writhing on the floor and screaming in pain?

Tasers were invented for the express purpose of disarming and subduing people without the use of deadly force; precisely the situation in which they should have been used in the

Reddie household. Yet when the Tasers obviously should have been used, the deputies "holstered them to grab their service weapons."

The excuse was made that Reddie was "in such close proximity" that the deputy was left with "no option other than to use deadly force to protect himself."

Really? Seriously? In every demonstration I've seen, the tasered subject falls to the ground instantly. Besides, if Mr. Reddie was lunging at the officers, and was close enough to injure them, wouldn't it be more dangerous to delay the second or two it took to pull out their service weapons, rather than zapping him immediately? And if the officers had time to

holster the Tasers and draw their guns, why didn't they have time to tase him in the first place?

I and quite a few other people have to question the judgment of the deputy. Were deputies given rigorous training in using a Taser in close quarters? Tasers are a new and expensive technology, but what good are they if the officers put them away just exactly when they're called for?

I feel a lot of regard for Sheriff Wakefield, but I hope he uses this incident to give more training to his deputies so that this sort of tragedy is never repeated.

Cathy Lester
Grayling

How to build a better community

To the editor:

I was delivering flyers for one of our downtown activities and I saw a flyer in a window about "How to build community" in one of our Grayling businesses. Write unknown and not signed.

Even though some listed topics may seem too extreme to some and not enough to others I found it interesting.

Example, turning off the TV completely seems a little too much, but do you think less is good? The same goes for computers; less is good.

I would like to add faith to this list, such as visiting a church and prayer. This is what you can do to make your own list of how to build a community, a better one for all.

This is America, we can do this.

Rose Mary Nelson
Grayling

Historically Speaking



The above photo is at the Crawford County Museum without any identification. The photograph is of a store/tavern. There is no year or other information. If you recognize the business or the gentleman in this photo or have any other clues please share your information. Send your responses to: Crawford County Avalanche, PO Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738 or email to: avalanche@i2k.net

Clarification

In an article which ran in the March 22 edition of the Avalanche, titled "Deputy cleared in shooting incident while family seeks accountability," it stated that Roscommon County Prosecutor Jernigan denied a warrant request sought by Detective Sgt. Rick Sekely from the Michigan State Police to charge Crawford County Sheriff's Deputy John Klepadlo. Klepadlo shot and killed William Reddie, 32, of Grayling, on Feb. 3. The Michigan Attorney General's Office referred the case to Jernigan to review and make a determination regarding the use of deadly force. Although an official signed statement from Jernigan was listed on a "warrant request denial form," Sekely said the Michigan State Police never sought charges in its review of Klepadlo's involvement in the incident. Jernigan, in his statement, said the use of deadly force was justified.

Briefs

COA to offer free tax assistance

The COA, along with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), are sponsoring free personal income tax assistance for low and moderate income taxpayers, mostly those 60 and older. Assistance with filing the Home Heating Credit, Earned Income Tax Credit and Property Tax Credit is also available. Volunteers are needed to assist. Call the center at 348-7123 to schedule an appointment.

Benefit to be held

A benefit will be held for Mark Easterle, on March 31, from noon to 9 p.m., at Maple Forest Township Hall, corner of Sherman and Marker Road, Frederic. Mark was in a terrible car accident on March 4, leaving him in the hospital and without current income. For questions call, 989-348-8780, ask for Dan or Joannie.

Soccer registration extended

CASA Spring Soccer registration has been extended to March 30. Forms available at Xpress Copy Center or online at www.graylingsoccer.org. Contact Kim at 989-915-9510 with any questions.

ROAR fund raiser seeking bands

River House, Inc. is seeking bands, volunteers and sponsors for their April 21 ROAR fund raiser. During this event musicians will rock out against rape, taking a stand to raise awareness against sexual assault in our local communities. All proceeds will benefit River House, Inc. Doors open at 4pm at Kirtland Community College. Cover charge is \$5, band registration is \$50 with a cash grand prize. Call River House at 989-348-3169 to register a band, become a ROAR volunteer, sponsor, or order a ROAR T-Shirt.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new Web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

Tours offered to view endangered Kirtland's warbler

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, and Michigan Audubon Society are again providing opportunities to catch a glimpse of the endangered Kirtland's warbler in northern Michigan this spring and summer.

The Fish and Wildlife Service and Michigan Audubon Society will lead tours from the Grayling, Michigan, Ramada Inn from May 15 through July 4. Tours are offered weekdays at 7 am and on weekends and holidays at 7 am and 11 am.

"This is an incredible opportunity to observe the endangered Kirtland's warbler and view nesting areas," said Dan Elbert, biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "The warbler's nesting areas in northern Michigan are closed to the public during nesting season."

Although actual sighting of the Kirtland's warbler is not guaranteed, participants will learn about the conservation success story of the Kirtland's warbler, a species once on the brink of extinction and now making

a comeback. Tours are free of charge.

Most male Kirtland's warblers arrive on the breeding grounds between May 1 and May 18, with the first females arriving a week or so after the first males. The best period for seeing the warbler is late May and the month of June. After July 1, viewing opportunities diminish. Participants are encouraged to bring binoculars and spotting scopes.

Groups of eight or more should contact the offices listed below for reservations. Playing recorded warbler songs or the use of any other attraction methods will not be allowed. Special efforts will not be made for photographers.

The U.S. Forest Service will conduct tours on the Huron-Manistee National Forest. Please contact the U.S. Forest Service for more details using the contacts listed below.

For more information contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, East Lansing Field Office, 2651 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, MI 48823, (517) 351-2555.

ISEA is offering a training session for scholarship volunteers

Inland Seas Education Association (ISEA) will be hosting an all-day instructor training session at their education center on April 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., for anyone who is interested in becoming a scholarship volunteer. This training will provide volunteers with the information needed to educate the next generation of stewards of the Great Lakes.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact Emily Shaw, Education and Volunteer Coordinator at (231) 271-3077 or eshaw@schoolship.org.

The Inland Seas Education Association is a non-profit organization based in Suttons Bay, Michigan, dedicated to science education on the Great Lakes. Its shipboard and shore-side education programs are designed to inspire young people's interest in science and to provide for the long-term stewardship of the Great Lakes. For further information contact the Inland Seas Education Association at (231) 271-3077 or on the web at www.schoolship.org.

DNR seeks volunteer ORV safety education instructors

The Department of Natural Resources is seeking qualified applicants to become volunteer off-road vehicle (ORV) safety education instructors.

ORV instructors must attend a three-day ORV Instructor Academy where they will be taught instructor policy and procedure, classroom management and teaching concepts. Applicants are also exposed to basic hands-on operational skills on off-highway motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, utility-terrain vehicles and winching and recovery equipment. The ORV Instructor Academy is free of charge, with attendance mandatory for all new successful instructor applicants. Existing instructors are also encouraged to attend.

There are two ORV Instructor Academies scheduled for 2012 and each class size is limited to 24 students. The ORV Instructor Academy runs Friday from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The academies will be held at the DNR's Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in northern Roscommon County.

The first academy is scheduled for June 1-3. The second academy will run June 8-10.

Individuals desiring certification as a DNR volunteer ORV safety education

instructor must: be at least 18 years of age; be a high school graduate or possess a graduate equivalency diploma (GED); have no felony convictions; have no misdemeanor convictions within the past three (3) years; have no convictions that resulted in the revocation of OHV operation privileges within the last five years. (Other convictions of natural resource law violations are subject to review and may result in the rejection of any application.); maintain a high moral, ethical and mental character; and be a graduate of Michigan's or another state's OHV safety education program or other industry-accredited safety program (such as ATV Safety Institute, Motorcycle Safety Foundation or United 4WD).

Individuals who have an interest in teaching students to be safe and responsible ORV users may begin the process by requesting an application from the DNR's Marketing and Outreach Division at 517-335-3418. After submission of a completed application, a background check will be conducted. Successful applicants will then be contacted to schedule attendance at an ORV Instructor Academy.

Questions pertaining to the ORV safety education program should be directed to Cpl. John Morey at 989-619-3784.

Volunteers needed for summer campground hosts

The Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Division is offering free camping this summer for outdoor lovers who volunteer as campground hosts at Michigan state parks or state forest campgrounds. The Volunteer Campground Host Program allows individuals to camp in a state park or state forest campground at no charge in return for providing visitor assistance in the campground.

Host direct visitors to their campsites, answer questions about the park or state forest, arrange campground activities and perform light maintenance and other services, depending on the hosts' talents and interests.

Campground hosts can be individuals or teams. Retired couples, teachers and students, as well as families are just some of the volunteers who have enjoyed spending their time as campground hosts.

Hosts must be at least 18 years old, provide services five days/30 hours per week (including weekends and holidays), serve a minimum of four consecutive weeks and furnish their own camping unit, equipment and personal items. State park hosts must attend a two-day training session the end of April 2012 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon. This training is not required of state forest campground hosts.

Campground hosts are

Raffle Winners

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for March 25 of \$25 each: John Alef, Dennis Henning, Anne Marie Kuszak and Kenny MacKinnon.

chosen by park and forest managers who may require an interview or request additional information. Selection is based on the individual's familiarity with the state park or state forest system, his or her camping experience, special skills, availability, knowledge of the area and the needs of the specific park or forest campground.

Hosts especially are needed during the busy camping season, which can begin as early as April in state parks in southern Michigan. Many of last year's campground hosts will be returning this year; however, vacancies still exist at park and forest campground locations throughout Michigan.

Information and applications are available from the DNR's website at www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers. Those interested in being a campground host at a state park should apply directly to the park of their choice.

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Leaves Grayling	5:00 p.m.	
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To request weekday demand response services call dispatch @ 348-5409

M-72 WEST
Demand response service calls worked in between other runs.

RURAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TRIPS
Individuals requiring out of town transportation to medical appointments may qualify for medical transportation services.
Contact Julie Dean @ 348-8215



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The Bible Speaks

"Christian" Deceivers?

After reading the book, *Chrislam - How Missionaries Are Promoting An Islamized Gospel*, as a Christian I am ashamed of such dishonesty toward Muslims and other religions. I agree with one leader from a church in Bangladesh who said that one of the most problematic aspects of this development is that it gives fuel to the often-heard Muslim claim that Christians are liars who change their Bibles to deceive." Moses Gbenu, President, Ministry of Eternal Affairs, Nigeria also had a terse judgment of this Insider Movement called *Chrislam*: "The insider movement does not produce disciples of Jesus Christ but spiritual schizophrenics. The Insider Movement is not inside Islam and is not inside the Gospel. It is, in fact, more an Islamic movement than Christian. It is another form of Islam. It is a perversion and disservice to Christ. Those who have the interest of Muslims at heart should read this book again and again."

Chrislam is another step toward the goal of a one-world-religion which will try to please everyone. It is the international expansion of a watered down Christianity which started in America as the mega-church movement. This movement was people-centered rather than God-centered. The mega-church led into the modern Emerging Church which has abandoned practically all the basic teachings of Bible Christianity just to reach more people. It all started with modern Bible perversions of God's Holy Words.

The foundational basis for all these movements has been a rejection of the God inspired, inerrant, infallible Hebrew and Greek Holy Scriptures and accurate translations based upon them. New Bible translations are designed more and more to be culturally acceptable and non-offensive to all cultures and religions. The

world is being prepared for the coming of a one-world-government, one-world-currency and economic system, and a one-world-religion merging all gods, all bibles, all morals, and all cultures.

Many Chrislam Bible translations undermine the eternality and deity of Jesus Christ, His blood atonement on the cross for sins, His promise of an inerrant, infallible Bible, His claim of being the only way to God, and His church as the only organization He left on earth to do His work. These translations deceive Muslim readers by making the Jesus they are called upon to accept like the Jesus described in their Koran. This Jesus is not the eternal Son of God. He was not sent from heaven to earth by God the Father. He did not die on the cross for sins. He was not resurrected from the dead. The Jesus of the traditional New Testament and the Jesus of the Koran are diametrically different in their identity and work. Either the Bible of the Christians is correct or the Koran of the Muslims is correct. They cannot both be right. "Christian" missionaries who corrupt God's Holy Scriptures to win Muslim converts only prove Muslim claims that God's Holy Scriptures revealed to the Jews and Christians have been corrupted.

True Bible believing Christians must share God's love and truth with all Muslims. We must love and pray for them. We must share the true gospel of how Jesus Christ loved them enough to shed His blood on the cross to cleanse them from sins. We must share His promises with them of forgiveness of sins, peace, joy, eternal life, and a home in heaven for all who will trust Jesus Christ as their Savior. Pastor "B"

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Obituaries



Eleanor Jean Elsey

March 15, 1927-
March 19, 2012

Jean Elsey, 85, of Grayling, passed away at her home Monday, March 19. Jean was born at home in Detroit in 1927 to Alice Lucinda and William Donald Wood. She graduated from Mackenzie High School in January, 1945, and then attended Michigan State University to study medical technology.

On January 17, 1948, Jean married Raymond William Elsey at the Outer Drive Presbyterian Church in Detroit. They enjoyed a very happy marriage for fifty-seven years. Those who knew them well knew that they could often be seen walking hand in hand.

Ray and Jean moved to Grayling around 1960, where they went into business with Jean's parents at the Grayling Pharmacy, and served the community for many years. Jean and Ray were founding members of St. Francis Episcopal Church and the St. Francis Thrift Shop. Jean was, in the words of her granddaughter Angie, "an unrecognized Renaissance woman who could do your accounting, teach you all about Colonial American history and whip up a mean grasshopper pie at the same time."

Jean is survived by her daughter, Lynn (Randy) Thompson of Grayling, son Donald (Carolyn) of Laytonville, Maryland; granddaughters Angela (Marco) Thompson Cucco of Lathrup Village, Michigan, Brenda (Enrique) Elsey Piraces of New York City; grandsons Max (Sarita) Thompson of Los Angeles; Forrest Thompson of Los Angeles, and Scott Elsey, of Binghamton, New York; great-grandchildren Niccolo and Sophie Cucco and Maya and Luna Piraces.

A family service was held at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Friday, March 23, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. with Reverend Elizabeth Chace officiating. Jean was an avid student of early American history; memorial contributions may be made to the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, P.O. Box 1776, Williamsburg, VA 23187, attn. Kirsten Kellogg.

Leon H. Witherell

Leon Hartley Witherell, 70, of Grayling, passed away on March 20, 2012.

Memorial service will be held at Bear Lake Christian Church on Saturday, March 31, 2012 at 2 p.m.

Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Roland G. Steele

Roland Garner Steele, 63, of Fife Lake, formerly of Belleville, passed away Wednesday March 21, 2012 at his home in Kalkaska County.

He was born in Flint, on July 3, 1948, he was the son of the late Donald and Lena (Burgess) Steele.

He was a graduate from Genessee High School, Rolland received a gymnastics scholarship to Eastern Michigan University where he continued his education and later retired from Ford Motor Company in Ypsilanti.

He had a great love of hunting, fishing, canoeing and spending time with his nieces and nephews. Rolland loved to join good friend Dana Waxler at The Ole' Barn in Grayling.

He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, where he served in the U.S. Army.

Rolland is survived by his wife, Shelly (Hendricks); sisters, Linda (Steve) Miller and Judy Neeley; nieces and nephews: Shelia (Rick), Sharol, Tina, Eva, Julie, Craig, Gaylla, Julie, Jimmy, Jeffrey, Krystle, Sadie, Bryce, Ashley, Michia, Brittney, Cameron; sister-in-law's: Kitty May, Patsy (Everett) Ebeler, Rhonda (Tim) Compau and Tami Burke; and their families Tonya (Ronnie), Kenny and Vinny Oliver, Art (Candy), Peter, Eric, and Shelby Ebeler, Shawn (Quincy), Ashton and Ayden Ebeler, Niki and Bobby Burke.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gaylord Steele; and parents-in-laws, Arthur and Irene Hendricks.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Please sign and share memories with the family on Rolland's online guestbook at www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 152 S. Cedar St., Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Dorothy Downey

Dorothy M. Downey, 92, of Grayling, passed away Monday, March 19, 2012.

She was born in Detroit, on August 24, 1919, a daughter of the late Madeline (Burke) and Albert Twydel.

Dorothy married William J. Downey in 1945. They were married for 43 years until William preceded her in death in 1988.

She enjoyed heading into town and going to Heads Up North and the Grayling Restaurant.

Dorothy is survived by her two sons, William (Linda) Downey of Irons, Richard (Mae) Downey of Montana; four grandchildren: Mark (Melissa) Downey, Jeffrey Downey, Melissa Downey, Sarah Downey; three great-grandchildren: Kaylee, Brady and Abbie.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 11 a.m. at the Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

Funeral procession and graveside services were held at Elmwood Cemetery immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers the family of Dorothy would like donations to be sent to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

District Health Department #10

District Health Department No. 10, Grayling office, has scheduled the following clinics/classes for April.

Immunization clinics: April 4, 18 and 23. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

Family planning clinic: April 3, 10, 17 and 24. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

WIC clinics: This program provides supplemental foods and nutrition education for eligible pregnant and breast feeding women, infants and children. April 4-5, 12-13, 16, 18-19, 23 and 26. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training sessions. For

information, call 231-876-3839.

Breast and cervical cancer screenings are available to women ages 40-64 who have limited or no health insurance. A clinic is scheduled for April 10 and 17 in Grayling. Call 989-348-7800, ext. 8042, for an appointment.

Hearing and vision screenings. This is a free program for children ages 3 through high school. Appointments are necessary. Call 989-348-7800 for an appointment.

The Crawford County branch office of District Health Department #10 is located on Meadows Drive, east of the South I-75 Business Loop, in Grayling.

Range Firing

Range activities scheduled at Camp Grayling for the period April 5-11 will be as follows:

The 40 Complex, air to ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), April 5-11.

Small arms ranges, located north of Howe Road, east of the gas pipeline, south of Portage Creek and west of Lake Margrethe, April 6 and 9-11.

The 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of County Road 612 and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail, April 5-6.

In addition, the following roads will be closed

April 3-7: Bucks East-West Truck Trail from Jones Lake Road to Wakeley Bridge Road; Ketchum Truck Trail from Bucks East-West to North Down River Road; Stephen Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road; Wakeley Bridge Road from County Road 612 to North Down River Road

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number: 989-348-6371. For further information call 989-344-6100.

Military News

Alan Geiss and Crystal Geiss have both recently been commissioned as Kentucky Colonels.

This is an honor bestowed by the Governor of the state of Kentucky to persons who have proven themselves as upstanding members of society and who are nominated by either local govt officials or by other Ky. Colonels.

Alan and Crystal both attending Grayling High School. Alan served in the Michigan Army National Guard as a member of F.Co 425 out of Selfridge Airbase (with many trainings still at Camp Grayling).

He and Crystal both later enlisted into the Michigan Volunteer Defense Force, which is an auxiliary to the

National Guard run by the Dept of Military and Veteran Affairs. Both served in the 6th Bn located at Camp Grayling. Alan also serves on a local civilian CERT team and has helped in emergencies such as forest fires directing traffic in hazardous conditions.

Alan currently serves in the MIVDF as a recruiter at the rank of Corporal. Crystal is considering reenlistment as well.

Both were nominated for the Ky. Col honor by Robert Haertel, who served with Alan in the National Guard and was a senior NCO to both of them in the MIVDF. Both still reside in the Crawford County area.

Library News

The Genealogy Group meets every Monday at Devereaux Memorial Library from 9 a.m. till noon. Study ancestry and discover your family history with the help of experienced genealogists.

Join "Story Hour" at Devereaux Memorial Library each Wednesday at 11:15 a.m. Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers can

enjoy an interactive program filled with stories, crafts and snacks. Call Miss Connie at 989-348-9214 for additional information.

Sit n' Knit will meet at Devereaux Memorial Library on Thursday, April 5 at 10 a.m. Share quality time with other needle heads and hear a few good yarns at the library.

Area Events

Otsego County - The Otsego County Tea Party (OCTP) will meet April 2 at 6:00 pm at Marsh Ridge Resort Bergen Room, 4815 Old 27S, Gaylord. For meeting details visit: <http://teapartywire.com/ots> egocountyteaparty/ or email octeparty@gm ail.com.

Houghton Lake - The regular meeting of the

North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, April 3, at the Houghton Lake Community Building (located behind The Pines Theater) at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited. For information, call 989-386-0085.



Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor: Patricia Petrie
989-348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling

- Sunday School: 10am
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- Wednesday Evening Service: 7pm
- Worship & Prayer: 7pm

URL: <http://burningbushcatholic.com>
Pastor: petriep@burningbushcatholic.com

St. Francis Episcopal Church
The Rev. Elizabeth M. Chace, Rector
6441 West M-72, Grayling, MI
Church office: 989-348-5850
saint_francis@frontier.com
Sunday Worship Services at 9:30am
Wednesday Holy Eucharist 8:30am
Followed by Bible Study
Thrift Shop: Tue-Sat (10am-4pm) 989-348-2572
G.R.A.C.E. Center: Mon-Fri (9am-5pm) 989-348-2544

Bear Lake Christian Church
Pastor: Scott Hoffer
231 E. Bear Lake Rd., Kalkaska, MI
(Corner of M-72 & Bear Lake Rd.)
231-288-4107
Sunday Worship - 10am
Sunday School - 9am
Youth Group - Wed. Evenings 6:30pm
Prayer Meeting - Wed. Evenings 5:30pm
Adult Bible Study - Wed. Evenings 6:45pm
Women's Bible Study - Thurs. 10am & 7pm
Third Saturday of each month:
Free Pancake Breakfast 8:30am - 10am
www.bearlakechristianchurch.org

Leaville Community Chapel
Pastor Sam Smith
8133 Bald Hill Rd. off Co Rd 612
989-348-2701
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship 11am
Wednesday Evening Worship 7 pm

Calvary Baptist Church
Pastor: Dr. Robert Barnett
Sunday School: 9:45am
Morning Worship: 10:30am
Evening Worship: 6pm
Wednesday: 7pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed): 7pm
989-348-9220
M-72 West, Grayling

Resurrection Life Center
Pastor: Bud & Debbie Mann
Sunday Service: 10:30 am
Midweek Services (Wed.): 7 pm
2640 West M-72 Grayling, MI 49738
reslifecenter.com
E-mail: reslifefellowship@hotmail.com
M-72 West - (989)348-1000

Mt. Hope Lutheran Church
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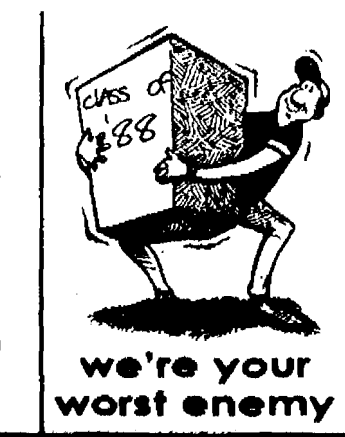
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Wounded warriors make bamboo fly rods, float the AuSable River

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The Board of Directors for the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited awarded a \$1,000 grant to buy reels and supplies for the veterans.

"They stepped up to the plate and did it right," Edwards said. "These guys will have these reels and rods forever."

Billy Lowe gave a talk on AuSable riverboats and Trout Unlimited members educated the veterans on the history of fly-fishing in the community.

Each veteran was given an honorary membership to Trout Unlimited and a custom made wooden fly box donated by Lou Burhart, the owner of Brack Hill Tackle.

The veterans attended the Grayling Rotary Club's weekly meeting to give a presentation on Project Healing Waters. Each night, Grayling Rotary Club members provided dinner for the veterans.

"The community support has just been spectacular," Edwards said.

On Saturday, the veterans took a four-hour float down the AuSable River.

Jerry Regan, Jeff McGowen, Dr. John Bayrel, Mark Rais, Kevin and Grant Lathum and Justin Ditts provided the riverboats and guided the trips.

Despite a spill in the chilly waters of the AuSable River, U.S. Navy veteran Hank Lessard had a wonderful time in the community. Lessard, from Maine, served the country

from the Vietnam War through the Persian Gulf War.

"It's been marvelous and it's done good for me," Lessard said. "It's lifted my spirits and meeting people that have gone through the same things we go through and the other people who are helping us out has made a world of difference for us."

Lessard said he especially enjoyed making the bamboo fly rod.

"You couldn't ask for anything better," he said.

U.S. Army Veteran Ryan Carr, who served in Afghanistan, said his time on the river and in the community was very pleasurable.

"It was a little overcast, but it was a beautiful day on the river," said Carr, who is from Georgia. "The people of Grayling have been awesome to us and they have been just arms open."

U.S. Air Force veteran Doug Rink has relatives in Wisconsin, but this was his first trip to Michigan. Rink, from North Carolina, wore a military uniform for 28 years, serving his last mission flying air evacuations in Bosnia.

Rink, who was accompanied by his service dog "Scooter," said building a bamboo fly rod and fishing the river were phenomenal experiences.

"It's been absolutely everything I dreamed of and then some," Rink said. "I really can't thank you guys enough for your hospitality."

Huron Pines opts to move offices to Gaylord

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Jensen said the lack of space was going to be another issue. He added that Huron Pines was in discussion with Wyman regarding leasing more building space.

"If we're not able to grow, it hampers our ability to work," Jensen said.

Crawford County Administrator Paul Compo said the county had offered to remodel the building to give Huron Pines more office space. He said the organization could also use an outside entrance to access the basement level of the building to avoid privacy concerns with the Health Department.

Huron Pines is now planning to move to Gaylord. Jensen said that would allow the staff to have more interaction with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, state agencies they often partner with on projects.

MDOT moved its Transportation Service Center employees from Grayling to Gaylord earlier this year as part of state budget cost cutting measures.

Huron Pines covers an 11-county area in northeast Michigan.

Jensen said it would be more cost effective for Huron Pines to base its operations in Gaylord.

"There are a plethora of buildings available up there," Jensen said.

Huron Pines' lease for the space in the building does not expire until October 2013.

Dave Stephenson, chairman of the Crawford

County Board of Commissioners, vice chairman Rick Anderson, Commissioner Linda Munsey and Commissioner Kathy Rogers cast yes votes to terminate the lease. Commissioner Scott Hanson and Shelley Pankelman cast the no votes. Commissioner Terry Beardslee did not attend the meeting.

Compo had negotiated a lease termination, which would have allowed Huron Pines to vacate the lease on May 31, if they paid \$4,250. That lump sum payment would have been half of what Huron Pines owed the county through Oct. 31.

Rogers, chairwoman of the county's ways and means committee, nixed that proposal.

County officials wanted Huron Pines to stay in Grayling for the long term and counted on revenue to recoup money the county paid for the building.

"This was kind of our way to ease into that building," Rogers said.

Now, under the terms approved by the majority of the county board, Huron Pines will pay \$10,500 to the county, which is half of its yearly lease rate.

Stephenson said he was severely disappointed that Huron Pines choose to leave the community.

"The fact that they've already made arrangements to move to Otsego County tells me a big story," he said.

Jensen said Huron Pines would continue to tackle vital conservation projects in the area.

"We bring a lot to Crawford County and we want to do more," Jensen said.

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Broadcasters win award

For the fourth consecutive year, the Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) honored Decades 101.1 FM WQON with a Broadcast Excellence Award.

This year the station was presented with the award for "Best in Play-By-Play Sports" at the MAB's annual conference in Lansing on March 14.

The entry submitted was the radio broadcast of the varsity boys basketball game Grayling High School vs. Traverse City St. Francis, which aired on Feb. 18, 2011.

The Grayling Vikings won that contest 68-67. The entry competed with radio stations in the Commercial Radio Division covering Port Huron, Jackson, Adrian, Cadillac, Lansing



For the fourth consecutive year, the Michigan Association of Broadcasters (MAB) honored Decades 101.1 FM WQON with a Broadcast Excellence Award. Above, Grayling High School boys basketball Assistant Coach Eric Batway, Color Analyst Rich Calkins, Play-By-Play Announcer Tom McCord, GHS Head Coach Rich Moffit and Assistant Coach Craig Hofman are pictured together.

and Traverse City. Judging was conducted by broadcasting peers outside the State of Michigan.

The Gannon Broadcasting team, Producer Dave

Sherbert, Play-By-Play Announcer Tom McCord and Color Analyst Rich Calkins, have been broadcasting Grayling High School sports for the past

seven seasons. Over that time, the trio has teamed up to call over 200 football and basketball games.

Farm market will move downtown

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Currently, the Grayling Farm Market has a list of 22 participating members. Hubbard would like to have more than 50 vendors on board by the end of summer.

The focus on health and providing a variety of produce and crafts should provide for another banner year for the farm market.

"The trend is even stronger than it was last year," Hubbard said.

Demonstrations will continue to be part of the farm market and the Bridge Card, a food assistance program made available to low income families and senior citizens through the State of Michigan, will be accepted for payment of produce made available at the market this year.

Hubbard would like to see 2,000 to

3,000 people attend the farm market each weekend by the end of the summer.

She is modeling her business plan after a farm market based in Port Austin, which is in Michigan's Thumb region.

"It's all the way out in the boon-docks," said David Hubbard, Beth's husband who volunteers at the farm market.

Eight years ago, the Port Austin Farm Market started with 50 to 60 vendors. By adding artisans, the farm market has up to 850 participating vendors. Between 150 to 200 vendors are on hand when the farm market is open.

"On a plain old Saturday, they put through 8,000 to 10,000 people and on a holiday weekend, 15,000 to 20,000 people, and they're all in and out of the

storefronts, Hubbard said. "Their businesses have thrived because of the farm market."

The Hubbards believe Grayling can have one of northern Michigan's premiere farm markets selling crafts, fruits, vegetables and other food items due to the access off of I-75.

"This community really needs it," David said.

Volunteers are being recruited to help the farm market with its expanded plans.

"It's really going to be quite an undertaking," Beth said.

Anyone interested in becoming a vendor at the farm market is encouraged to contact the City of Grayling at (989) 348-2131.

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Grayling graduate trapped in Mali after military coup

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A 2003 Grayling High School graduate was among a number of Americans trapped in a West African country, which was taken over by its own military forces.

Eric Hunter was hoping to fly out of Mali on Wednesday, March 28, after air flights resume and borders of the country are reopened.

Last week, Malian soldiers led by Capt. Amadou Sanogo took control of the nation from President Amadou Toumani Toure.

Erratic gun fire started Wednesday, March 21, and fires were started in the streets, when the coup started.

Hunter is in Mali, completing consulting for a planned dredging project to mine for gold along the Niger River.

Hunter has remained trapped in his hotel for the last several days.

The son of Barbara Hunter and Judge John G. Hunter, Eric has been in daily contact with his parents by telephone and through Skype, a service that allows users to communicate by voice, video and instant messaging over the Internet.

Despite the turmoil, Barbara Hunter said her son was doing well.

"He looked to be in good spirits and sounded like he was in good spirits," she said. "There is not much he can do."

Barbara tried to get Eric in contact with a group visiting the country though a Traverse City-based travel agency, but the group and Eric were confined to their hotels.

"From what I understand, there is no way for him to get to their hotel or no way for them to get to him," she said.

John Hunter said people in Eric's hotel had some anxious moments, when

military police came inside the hotel.

"That put everybody on edge because there were some rumors going around that military police were coming into the hotels to steal alcohol and food and even broke into some of the individual rooms, but that never happened in the hotel where he is staying," he said.

Eric has been in constant contact with U.S. Embassy officials.

"It's one of those things you take for granted as a U.S. citizen, but it's really valuable to have a U.S. passport," John said.

Mali is seen by many Western governments as a crucial ally in the fight against the regional affiliate offshoot of al Qaeda. But it faces a new insurgency in the northern part of the country by Tuareg nomads, and the forces who ousted Toure accused his government of mishandling the uprising.



Eric Hunter

The latest revolt took root in late 2011 but gained momentum in January, when the rebels began attacking towns in northern Mali. It has been further energized by an influx of arms and Tuareg fighters who had served under former Libyan ruler Moammar Gadhafi.

John Hunter said Eric has learned a lot about world politics in a short order.

"It's been very educational for him because this has been his first time outside the continental United States," he said.

Eric, 27, lives in a suburb near Denver.

Successful concerts hosted at art center

The AuSable Artisan Village (AAV) Art Center came alive on St. Patrick's Day with traditional Celtic music performed by "Tri-Or," an Irish word meaning trio.

The group consisted of Dan House, Pam Luce and Kelly Shively, who entertained an audience of over

50 people with both instrumental and vocal numbers. Refreshments, served during the intermissions of the concert, were prepared by Devonne Morgan, the owner of the Cracked Pot Kitchen.

The AAV Art Center, located in the old Ben Franklin building, consists

of an art gallery, performance stage, and a classroom along with some office space. The art gallery displays the works of over 40 local and regional artists. The displays are built on castors, which allow them to be moved to make room for seating for about 50 people. A Valentine's Day concert,

which featured the group "Marcie," and the St. Patrick's Day concert packed the limited seating.

The next concert is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, in celebration of Earth Day with Joseph Strider. Strider is a singer, songwriter and accomplished guitarist of Lipan Apache heritage.

Sheriff's Report

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 79 complaints the week of March 19 - March 25.

One natural death, two EMS responses, 17 general non-criminal complaints, two delinquent minors, five false alarm activations, one

assault and battery/simple assault, two burglaries-forced entry-non-residences, one burglary-forced entry-residence, one larceny, one larceny-personal property vehicle, one hallucinogen-manufacture, one furnishing alcohol to a minor, one weapons

offense-concealed weapon, three disorderly conduct complaints, two public peace/disorderly complaints, two anarchism complaints, three health and safety complaints, two violation of conservation laws, five miscellaneous arrests, six traffic accidents, one

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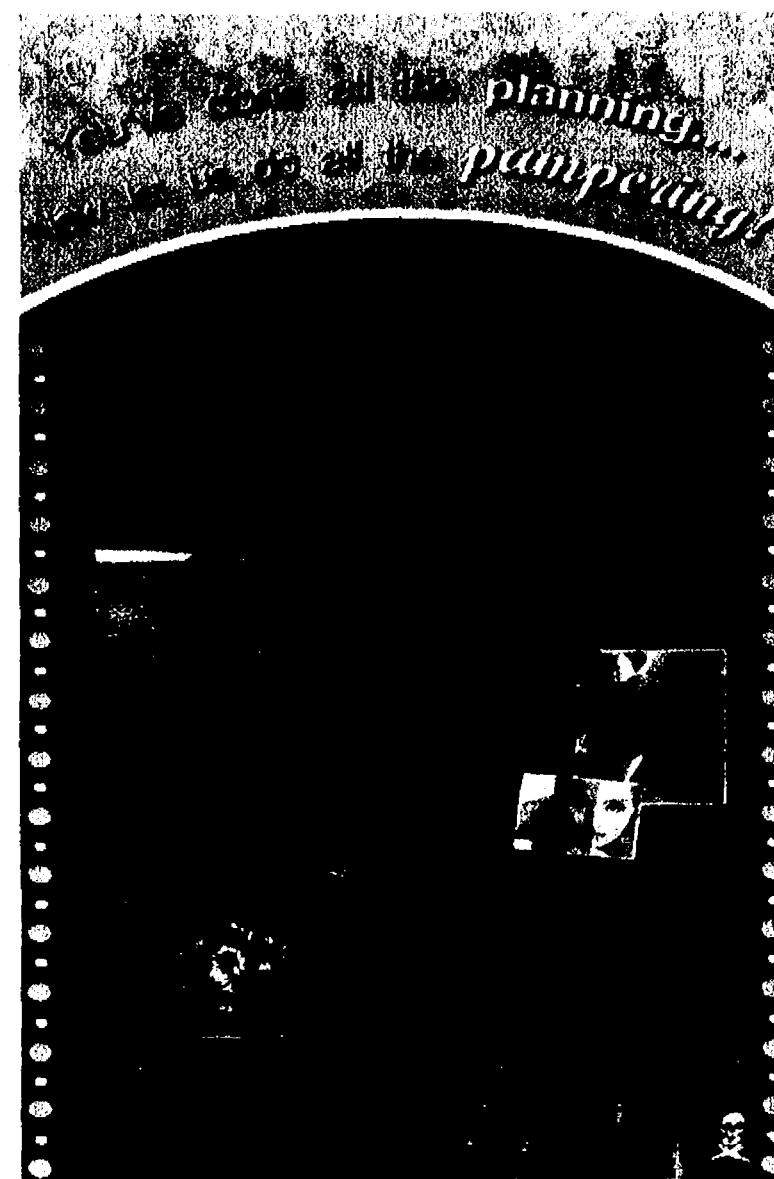
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Maid of Honor - this role is typically filled by a sister or a very close friend. It is the equivalent of the groom's best man. The maid of honor's role, therefore, is typically very involved. Among her many responsibilities, the maid of honor accompanies the bride on shopping trips for her wedding dress while also planning the bridal shower, bachelorette party and coordinating the bride's gift for the bride. Also, the maid of honor helps the bride get dressed on her wedding day, holds the groom's wedding ring during the wedding and may also help in the writing of invitations. The maid of honor will also typically act as a witness to the wedding and dance with the best man at the reception. If the woman you're asking is married, her title will be matron of honor.

Best Man - perhaps the most well-known responsibilities are organizing the bachelor party and giving the toast at the reception. But the best man, who is typically a brother or best friend of the groom, also has a slew of other responsibilities. In addition to helping the groom choose his tuxedo and get dressed before the wedding, the best man coordinates the couple's gift from the groomsmen and takes

care of the newlyweds' transportation after the reception or the next morning. The best man may also hold onto any payment that's due to the reception site or the donation for the house of worship, and take care of any final financial details. He also holds the bride's wedding ring during the ceremony.

Bridesmaids - along with walking in the wedding procession, they attend the shower and contribute to the bride's gift. Bridesmaids, who are typically sisters or friends of the bride or groom, also dance with the groomsmen during the reception. Each can be given specific roles, like reading a religious passage at the ceremony, providing assistance with choosing wedding vendors, or helping to address wedding invitations.

Groomsmen - are the male equivalent of the bridesmaids, typically having nearly identical responsibilities. Sometimes, they can act as ushers for guests arriving at the ceremony. Groomsmen walk in the wedding procession and attend and help organize the bachelor party as well.

Flower Girl - if the bride has a sister who is especially young, that sister typically fills the role of flower girl. Since most flower girls are very young, their responsibilities are generally limited to carrying a basket of flowers during the procession.

Ring Bearer - like the flower girl, the ring bearer is a very young member of the family, only the ring bearer is a male. The ring bearer's role is to carry a pillow with the rings sewn on it during the procession. Some couples choose to have the ring bearer and the flower girl walk next to one another during the procession.

Parents of the Bride - may be responsible for hosting the wedding, if they will be completely financially responsible for the event. In some cases, the father of the bride escorts his daughter down the aisle alone, but in other instances or in religious ceremonies, both parents may accompany the bride. In all cases, it's her preference. The mother of the bride may help fund or contribute to the planning of the wedding or the bride's gift. These parents may also foot the cost of an engagement party or dinner to meet the groom's family.

Parents of the Groom - should host a rehearsal dinner prior to the wedding. They may also choose to contribute to the wedding if they desire. In most cases, the groom's parents have limited responsibilities, but can be involved as much as the wedding couple would like. Traditionally, the groom's mother confers with the bride's mother on what color gown she is wearing, so as not to go with the same shade. The groom's parents may walk down the aisle in advance of the rest of the wedding procession and take their seats.

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In between the guest list, the flowers and the perfect three-tier cake, it can be hard to find time to shop for your wedding rings. However, it is important to remember that most of the wedding details are fleeting and gone after a few hours of enjoyment, while your rings are enjoyed forever.

So, whether you are having a smaller gathering or a more traditional affair, this important to-do on your event checklist should not be overlooked, especially since your rings mark your commitment to one another and will last a lifetime.

Jewelry and style expert Michael O'Connor has a few tips that are sure to help you find matrimonial bliss when it comes to ring selection:

* **Create a budget.** There are many details to consider when planning a wedding that can quickly drain your budget. It is important to set aside money for a lifelong symbol like your wedding bands. Not sure how much to budget? Consider that in 2006, couples spent an average of \$2,079 on wedding bands, according to the CN American Wedding Study. And since the age-old rule for purchasing an engagement ring is to spend two months salary, plan to spend one month's salary for the two wedding bands.

* **Shop together.** It is a good idea to shop for rings together. In fact, 80 percent of couples do, which isn't a surprise since your rings, which don't have to match,

should reflect your personal styles and tastes.

* **Plan ahead.** Don't wait until the last minute to go shopping for your wedding bands, they're simply too important. Plan to start shopping for your rings six months prior to your "I do's." Not only do you need time to research and shop, but you also need to allot time for custom orders, sizing and engraving.

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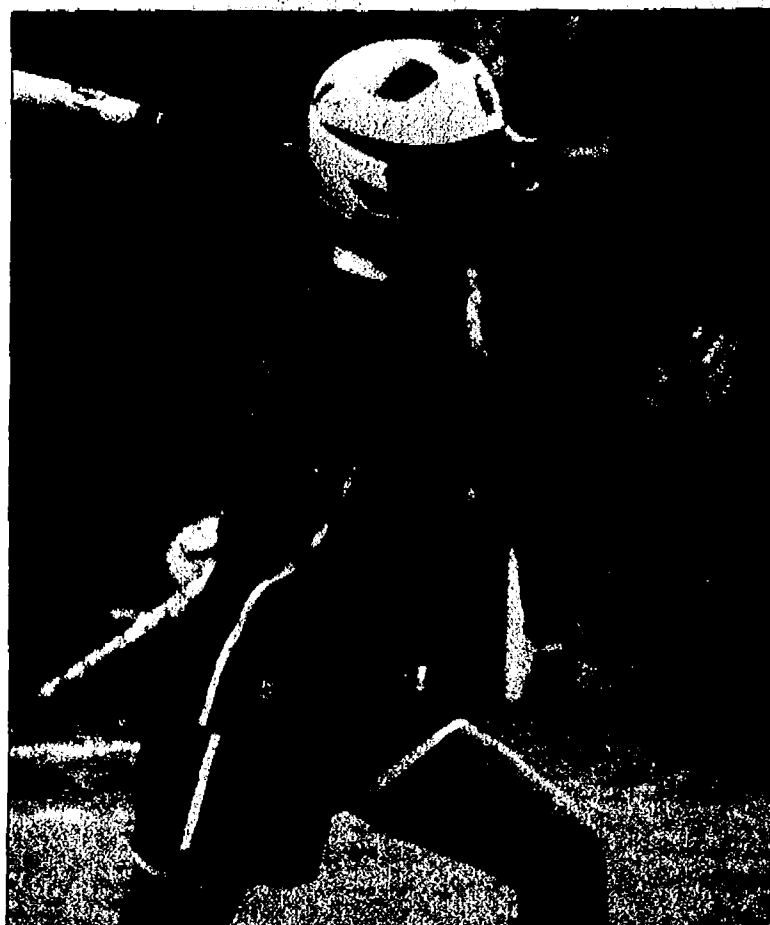
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Andrea Malm pitches for the Vikings during game one of Thursday's series.



Lindsey Johnson bats for Grayling at Whittemore Prescott.



Josey Hinkle catches a ball at first base during a practice drill last week.

SOFTBALL TEAM GETS EARLY START TO 2012 SEASON

Program has only one squad this year due to numbers

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

The Grayling High School softball program started its official practices on March 12 and played its first games of the year on March 22. The team was able to get outside for practice during the first week of official workouts, which helped the squad get ready for the early start to the season.

"I think that's why we did so well in the game yesterday," Coach Sarah Allen said on Friday, March 23. "To have a game on March 22 is amazing."

(The team won one and lost one during its March 22 series at Whittemore Prescott.)

The softball program will not have a junior varsity squad this year due to low player numbers.

"We had 22 come out, which isn't enough for two (teams). I was willing to keep to 16. It's going to be hard to get them all playing time. We're playing to win," Coach Allen said.

"It's hard to practice with that many. I'm used to having stations for 12 or 14," Coach Allen said. "Overall, practices have gone well."

The benefit of having a large number of players is competition for spots.

"With cutting to one (team), everyone wants to play. They're pushing each other for playing time," Coach Allen said.

Coach Allen said the squad's biggest asset is "individual talent."

"We have a lot of very talented girls. Our pitching will be a strength. Our pitching and our catching will help us," Coach Allen said. "Our biggest weakness is not always playing together. We've just got to get them all on the same page."

Coach Allen said "confidence" will also be a key to the team's success.

"We have to expect to win. If they expect to win, they will," Coach Allen said. "They want to win the conference. They want to win the district. They just have to have the confidence to do it."

The Vikings will host Roscommon on April 10 at 4:30 p.m. The team's first league game is slated for Friday, April 13, at East Jordan.

Grayling High School will host the District 67-3 tournament this year. The district will include six teams: Grayling, Benzie Central, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, Kingsley, and Traverse City St. Francis. Four of the schools — Grayling, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, and St. Francis — are members of the Lake Michigan Conference.

"I think it will be a good season. I really do. We have four coaches willing to help out and 16 girls ready to play," Coach Allen said.



Marilyn Jankowski throws the ball during practice.

Vikings split in softball opener at Whittemore

Grayling wins game two 4-2 in extra innings

The GHS varsity softball team started its 2012 season with a split at Whittemore-Prescott on Thursday night, falling 4-2 in game one and winning 4-2 in game two (in extra innings) of the nonconference doubleheader.

In game one, the Vikings scored two runs in the top of the first inning. The Whittemore Cardinals answered with three runs in the bottom of the first. Whittemore added one more run in the bottom of the second inning, and neither team scored again after that. The Cardinals won 4-2.

Andrea Malm pitched all five innings for Grayling, striking out three and allowing three hits.

At the plate, Meagan Malm was 1 for 3 with one RBI and one run scored.

Marilyn Jankowski was 1 for 3 with one RBI. Caitlin Prosser was 1 for 3. Lindsey Johnson had one stolen base and one run scored.

Grayling won 4-2 in game two. The Vikings scored two runs in the top of the third innings. Whittemore scored one run in the fourth inning, then tied the game at 2-2 with one run in the bottom of the sixth, sending the contest into extra innings. Grayling scored twice in the top of the seventh and got out of a bases loaded jam in the bottom of the seventh inning to win it.

Kara Malm pitched all seven innings for Grayling. She struck out nine batters and allowed three hits.

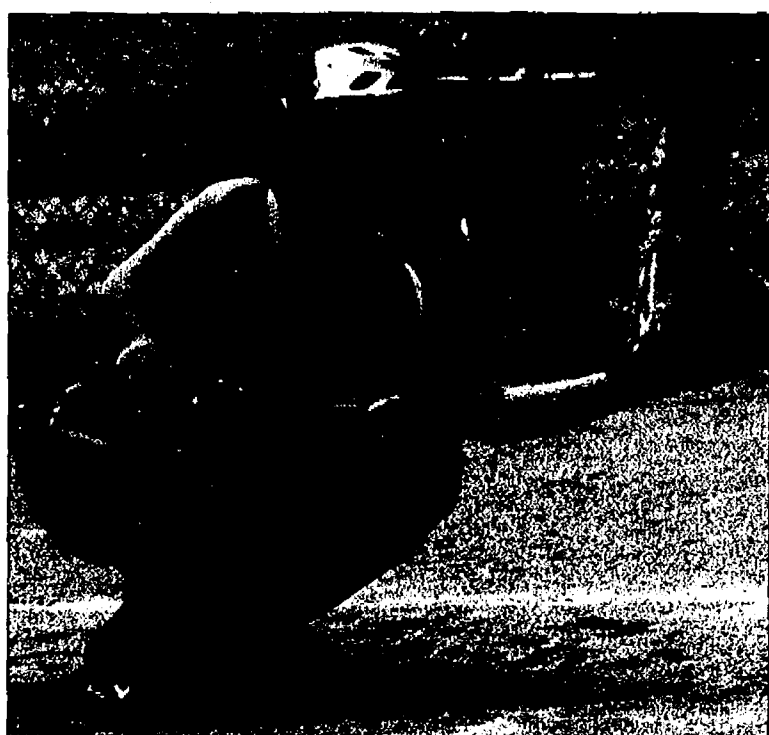
M. Malm was 2 for 4 with a double and three RBIs. Jankowski was 1 for 3

with a double. Madi Junttila was 1 for 4. Prosser had one RBI. Josey Hinkle walked twice and scored two runs. K. Malm and Makayla Cragg both walked once and scored one run apiece.

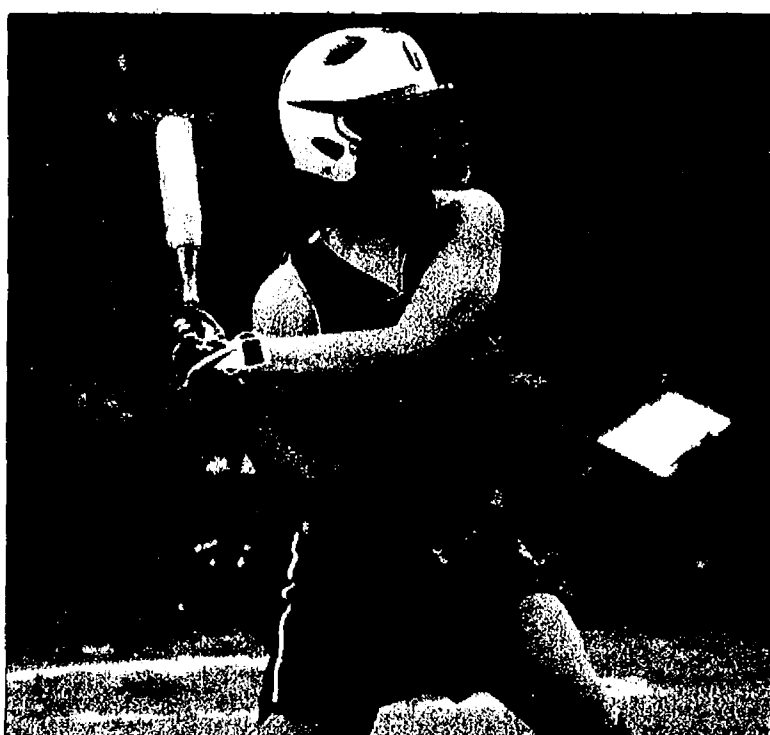
"Overall, 100 percent happy with it being the first game," Coach Sarah Allen said. "Everything that needs to be fixed is fixable. They played as a team."

"The pitchers came out firing. I thought they did great," Coach Allen said.

After spring break, the Vikings (1-1 overall, 0-0 league) will host Roscommon, a nonconference opponent, at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10.



Catcher Caitlin Prosser sets up for a pitch during last week's series vs. the Cardinals.



Hannah Golnick bats for the Vikings at Whittemore on Thursday.

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David Somero, left, throws the ball from the outfield during a recent practice session. Zane Tobin, right, warms up.

Baseball team's strengths include speed, pitching

Vikings to host six-team district tournament this year

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity baseball team started its official practices on Monday, March 12, and practiced outside for part of the first week of the pre-season.

"It's nice now that we've been able to get outside," said Bret Krabill, who's in his second year as coach of the squad, on Friday, March 16, during the program's first full outdoor session.

"We got a lot of pitching in, a lot of throwing," Coach Krabill said.

Krabill said building up arm strength and stamina for pitchers is a high priority for this year's team.

"We can't give up walks," he said.

Coach Krabill said "speed" should be one of the team's strengths this year.

"Riley (Zigila), Kevin

(Harris), Ty (Jensen), and Michael (Branch), they could all steal 20 bases this year," Coach Krabill said. "Defensively, in the infield we should be strong. Cam (Wilson) is a solid catcher. We have two shortstops in Riley and Ty. Riley is probably one of the top two players in the conference. He can straight up play. He can play anywhere on the field."

"I'm starting to think pitching is going to be a strong point," Coach Krabill said. "Riley will be a stud pitcher. We've got three lefties that can pitch."

The program has strong overall numbers this year. Krabill said 36 players signed up and the teams cut down to 14 and 13 for varsity and junior varsity, respectively.

Krabill has three sophomores on the varsity squad: Harris, Branch, and Justice Junttila.

"All these sophomores put in a ton of work in the offseason," Coach Krabill said.

"Mental toughness" is one of the things that the team needs to focus on, Coach Krabill said. "Teams that we're better than, put them away early. That's going to be the biggest thing — are we ready game one, ready to play?"

Krabill said the team's been hitting well in the batting cage, but live hitting vs. live pitching in a game situation is different.

"Hitting's always the wild card. When we face that first pitcher, who knows?" Coach Krabill said.

Krabill said he has "lofty standards for the kids" this year, with a variety of goals, including academic all-state, competing for a league title, and making a run at a district championship.

"We're going into every game expecting to win. Be better tomorrow than we were today," Coach Krabill said.

"The (Lake Michigan Conference) is kind of open. That first (league) game is going to be big. Anything less than a top-three finish would be a disappointment," Coach Krabill said.

Grayling will host its district tournament this year. District 67-3 will feature six schools this year: Grayling, Benzie Central, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, Kingsley, and Traverse City St. Francis. Four of these teams — Grayling, Elk Rapids, Kalkaska, and St. Francis — are members of the Lake Michigan Conference.

"There's some solid teams in the district," Coach Krabill said.

Grayling will host Roscommon on Tuesday, April 10, at 4:30 p.m.

Krabill said.

Grayling (1-1 overall, 0-0 league) will host Roscommon at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10.

Vikings win one, lose one in 2012 baseball debut

Grayling wins 5-0 in game two; pitcher throws no-hitter

The Grayling Vikings won one and lost one during a varsity baseball double-header at Whittemore Prescott — the season debut for the Vikings — on Thursday.

Whittemore Prescott won 6-2 in game one. Zane Tobin, Grayling's starting pitcher, struck out five batters and surrendered only one earned run.

"Errors killed us," Coach Bret Krabill said. "We knew going into the game that this was going to be a good game. We gave up some runs, but they were usually because of an error or a bad read on our part. Zane did a good job for someone who hasn't pitched in two years. His fastball had good movement and he was painting corners well. Location is a big thing with him and if we aren't getting that strike call, it takes us out of our element a little. Kevin Harris came in as a reliever

and was able to throw strikes and get us through the game. He had two strikeouts and really showed the depth we have in pitching this year."

"We were also a little timid at the plate. I was happy with the number of guys that didn't strike out, but we need to get a better part of the bat on the ball and start driving a few more pitches. Almost everyone that stepped up was able to make contact; now it will be up to us to get better contact," Coach Krabill said.

Nick Wells had two RBIs for the Vikings in game one.

Grayling won 5-0 in game two. Riley Zigila threw a no-hitter for the Vikings, striking out nine.

At the plate, Zigila had two hits and two RBIs. Michael Branch also had two RBIs. Zach Schreiber had one RBI.

"After the first game the guys seemed a little more

loose. Riley came in and obviously pitched well. We didn't make any errors behind him, and obviously that makes a big difference in the score," Coach Krabill said. "We did a much better job of hitting the ball in the second game. Six different guys had hits and two more were able to get a walk. We have some speed on the base paths, and if we can get one guy on, it gives us a lot of options. We had seven stolen bases in the two games, and they had a pretty decent catcher."

"All in all I am happy with what we did. We play another good team in Ogemaw on Tuesday. This is a coach's dream; we get to see where we stack up with good quality teams early on and fix some of the problem areas before we get to league play. If we can continue to improve we should be a very competitive team very soon," Coach

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Track team off and running with good spring weather

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity track and field program – a group that includes both a boys team and a girls team – was able to get out-

side for practices right away this year due to the warm spring, which has helped the squad get ready for its 2012 season.

"This is by far the best spring we have had for practice. The weather has cooperated and we are off to a great start. The weather has allowed us to increase the tempo of conditioning," said Tim Gariglio, the coach of the girls track team.

"We've been outside every day," said Jen

VanderMeer, new coach of the boys track squad. "It's been a wonderful start to the season."

Gariglio said the program, as of last week, had 18 boys and 23 girls.

"Girls numbers are up, the boys are down," Coach Gariglio said.

"It's going to be a building year, get our numbers up," VanderMeer said.

VanderMeer said practices have gone well so far. Instead of dividing the

teams between boys and girls for practices, the program has often been grouping its athletes based on events, she said.

"Both teams have their own strengths," Gariglio said. "The boys are pretty solid in both the distance and sprinters. Girls have twice as many sprinters than distance runners; however, both disciplines have strong runners."

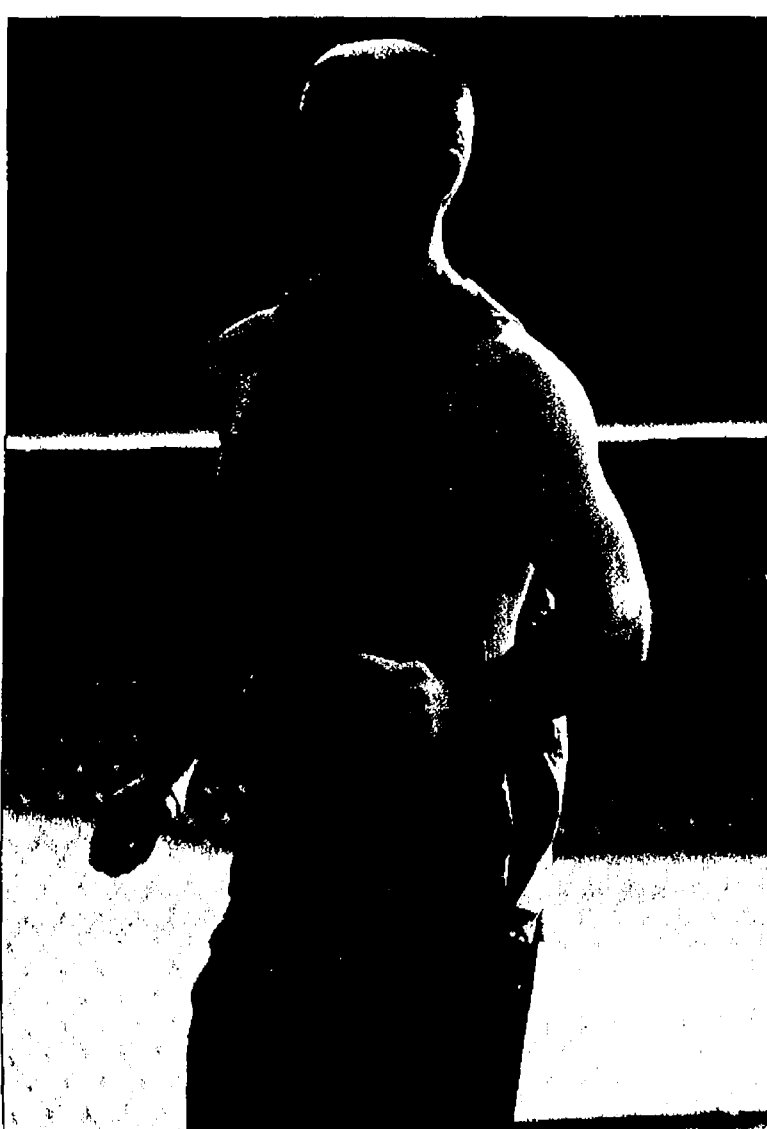
Right now, the team's main focus is consistent

improvement.

"Goals for both teams are to continue to build a foundation for the teams and improve on a weekly basis. The ultimate goal is to have as many kids as possible qualify for states," Coach Gariglio said.

"We want every kid to experience some success," Coach VanderMeer said.

The track and field program will host a meet at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11.



Curtis Wilson, left, and Ramona Kauer, right, run a lap during track practice on Friday, March 16.

Track program starts year with indoor meet at CMU

Grayling High School's boys and girls track teams opened their 2012 seasons with the CMU Division III and IV High School Meet, an indoor tournament featuring 15 schools, on Thursday. Central Michigan University hosted the meet.

Results for Grayling included (top six finishes earned medals):

Girls Shot Put – 32nd, Kayla Stanley, 21'3"; Boys High Jump – 14th,

Scott Parkinson, 5'6";

Girls Long Jump – 17th,

Stanna Dorn, 14'1";

Boys Long Jump – 23rd,

Curtis Wilson, 17'6.5";

Girls 60 Meter Dash –

6th, Stanna Dorn, 8.56;

Boys 60 Meter Dash –

5th, Nick Dorn, 7.43;

Boys 60 Meter Hurdles –

7th, Scott Parkinson, 9.66;

Girls 400 Meter Dash –

10th, Ashley Whitchee,

1:10.89; 18th, Josie Swander, 1:16.27;

Boys 400 Meter Dash –

3rd, Curtis Wilson, 56.46;

Girls 800 Meter Run –

15th, Heather Petty,

3:09.82;

Boys 800 Meter Run –

33rd, Kyle Schmidt,

2:42.47;

Boys 200 Meter Dash –

11th, Nick Dorn, 24.89;

Girls 200 Meter Dash –

5th, Shanley Dorn, 29.28;

24th, Emily Dorn, 32.30.

"This was a great way to start off the season. The

competition with the 15-team field was very stiff and we had several top 10 performances. With only six days of practice the kids ran really well. We are really pleased at how well the kids ran and how they stepped up to the challenge and competed with the teams there," Coach Tim Gariglio said. "This is the first time we competed in this meet in an effort to get an earlier start on the season."

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McLeod, husband and wife and Ellen Haller, single, original mortgagor(s), to NationStar Mortgage, LLC, Mortgagee, dated December 31, 2007, and recorded on January 23, 2008 in Liber 690 on Page 32, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-One and 44/100 Dollars (\$93,261.44), including interest at 2% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 25, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

Containing 1.25 acres more or less, subject to all reservations, restrictions and easements of record as recorded in Book 089, Page 486, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 22, 2012 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #324525F02 (03-22)(04-12)

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Page 602, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Everbank as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two and 65/100 Dollars (\$60,372.65). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2012. Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 35 Grayling Manor, Township of Graylings, Crawford County MI according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10 Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in

accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 29, 2012 For more information, please call: FC H (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File #382074F02 (03-29)(04-19)

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Andrew S. Woolsey, single man and Everett Woolsey, a married man, by Andrew Woolsey, as power of attorney, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, original mortgage(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2006, and recorded on July 11, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 322, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight and 45/100 Dollars (\$64,738.45).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 10, Janice Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 29, 2012
For more information, please call: FCJ (248) 593-1311
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Bruce F. Leonard and Louanne Leonard, husband and wife, original mortgage(s), to First National Bank of Gaylord, Mortgagee, dated January 15, 2004, and recorded on January 22, 2004 in Liber 665 on Page 356, in Crawford County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Seven and 62/100 Dollars (\$71,677.62).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2012.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B: Being part of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 19, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Crawford County Michigan described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 19, thence South 00 degrees 49 minutes 20 seconds West along the Section line 1280.32 feet, thence South 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West 849.54 feet along the

Northerly line of the recorded Plat of Roy-L Estates as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 38, Crawford County Records to the place of beginning; thence continuing South 88 degrees 08 minutes 30 seconds West, 233.52 feet; thence North 00 degrees 52 minutes 37 seconds West 284.92 feet; thence North 88 degrees 07 minutes 41 seconds East 233.52 feet; thence South 00 degrees 51 minutes 45 seconds East 284.93 feet (recorded as South 00 degrees 50 minutes 30 seconds East 285.00 feet) to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 29, 2012
For more information, please call: FCJ (248) 593-1313
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date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed, or unless under MCL 600.3240(17), prior to the foreclosure sale the borrower follows the procedure set forth in that section to establish the presumption that the property is used for Agricultural purposes, in which case the redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of the sale. Dated: February 27, 2012 Northern Economic Initiatives Corporation By: GARY D. POPOVITS (P63861) BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & PEZZETTI, P.C. Attorneys for NEIC 1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817 Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817 (231) 941-9660 File No.: 9810.0013 Ad #21897 03/08, 03/15, 03/22, 03/29/2012

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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on MAY 2, 2012.

Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan Lot 17, Au Sable Terrace, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 2 of Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: March 29, 2012
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Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
File No. 682.2437
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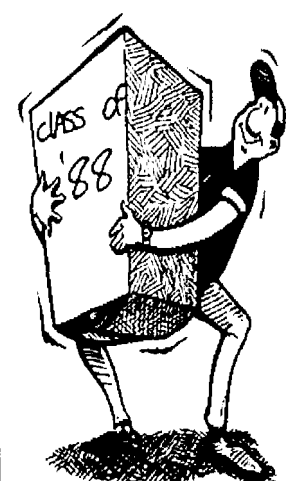
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abide by the terms of the agreement, the mortgage will not be foreclosed. You have the right to contact an attorney. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. Notice given by: Randall S. Miller Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 248-883-0157 (Loan Modification Dept.) loan-mods@rsmalaw.com Case No. 110MI00668-1 Dated: March 29, 2012 (03-29) (03-29)

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All grave blankets, decorations and any other items currently on graves in Pioneer, Ball and Rock Cemeteries should be removed before May 1, 2012.

Any items still in the cemeteries after May 1, 2012 will be removed and discarded by the Cemetery Sexton.

NOTICE ELMWOOD CEMETERY

Lawn maintenance for Spring Clean-Up of the Elmwood Cemetery shall be starting. Please remove winter decorations by April 9, 2012 to ensure they will not be disposed of. Spring and summer decorations may be placed after May 5, 2012. The City would like to thank all residents for their understanding and cooperation during this Spring Clean-up process. Please contact the Cemetery Director with question or concerns in regards to this announcement.

Zachary Weaver
Elmwood Cemetery Director

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Eligible low-income residential customers of Michigan Central Broadband Company are encouraged to take advantage of available discounts on their telephone bills. The **LIFELINE** program provides people on limited incomes with an \$11.25 discount (up to \$12.35 for customers age 65 or older) on their monthly telephone charges. Additionally, under the **LINK-UP** program, qualified households may receive a 50 percent reduction (up to \$30.00) on the line connection charges (if approved within 60 days of initial installation). Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70.00 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60.00 and \$130.00.

To qualify for the **LIFELINE** program, 2012 annual household income must be at or below 150% of the federal poverty levels shown below.

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income	Gross Annual Income
	Less Than	Less Than*
1	\$1,396	\$16,755
2	1,891	22,685
3	2,386	28,635
4	2,881	34,575
5	3,376	40,515
6	3,871	46,455
7	4,366	52,395
8	4,861	58,335

*Subject to change. Add \$5,940 annually (\$495 monthly) for each additional household member.

Or, the person must participate in one of the following federal assistance programs: Medicaid, Food Stamps, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), National School Lunch Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

Toll Blocking Service (TBS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking at no cost.

A resident of tribal lands qualifies for **LIFELINE** and **LINK-UP** if he or she meets the above criteria, or by participating in one of the following programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance Program, Head Start (income-qualified customer only), or National School Lunch Program (free lunch program).

For further information on **LIFELINE** and **LINK-UP**, visit www.lifeline.gov.

If you or someone you know may be eligible for this program, please call Michigan Central Broadband Company for an application.

If you are not a customer of Michigan Central Broadband Company, please contact your local telephone service provider for an application.

Michigan Central Broadband Company
397 US 41 N, P.O. Box 88
Carmey, MI 49812-0088
877-216-0505 (Toll Free)

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Features

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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 31, 1966 - Clair D. Melroy, Jr., (left) veteran Standard Oil dealer at 208 Cedar in Grayling, has been attending a dealer training clinic operated by Standard in Detroit. Pictured at the right is R.F. Johnson, training manager, presenting the diploma to Melroy.

23 Years Ago March 30, 1989

The Georgia-Pacific Beaver Creek resin plant was one of 13 companies to receive the Department of Natural Resources 1989 Environmental Excellence Award. Jim Henderson, Ph.D., Permit Coordinator and Local Government Liaison, Executive Division of the DNR, said that Georgia-Pacific was selected for this award because of their model program of controlling emissions of air, solid waste and water dis-

charge and for their community information program which addresses local concerns regarding the plant's impact on the environment.

The North Central Area Credit Union is planning on building a branch office in Grayling. The new office will be built on Clyde Street, across the street from Mercy Hospital.

The Beaver Creek Fire Department installed an emergency telephone that will be available to the public 24 hours a day. Ed Holtcamp, Beaver Creek

Fire Chief, said that the cost-free telephone has direct access to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department's central dispatch and can be used to summon all types of emergency services, including but not limited to fire, police, ambulance and wrecker services.

The Community Self Improvement Project began nearly five years ago as an ad hoc committee to improve parking in the downtown shopping area. In a short time it became obvious to those meeting each week that there were other concerns which also needed attention. It was during this phase of expanding the scope of concern that the group was formally established as a non-profit corporation to be known as The Community Self Improvement Project.

46 Years Ago March 31, 1966

Four juniors from Grayling High School have been named to participate in the exchange student program this year. They are Nancy Dykema, Lynn Elsey, Mike Worden and Nancy Knibbs. Nancy and Lynn will be going to Mexico, Nancy Knibbs destination will be to Germany and Mike Worden will be going to Sweden.

Grayling City Police arrested two Grayling

young men last Wednesday on charges of breaking and entering. The pair admitted to breaking and entering into John's Bay Service between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. on March 10, where it was reported that over \$100 and a revolver was taken. The revolver was recovered from the AuSable River and the pair admitted the breaking and entering into a private home at Lake Margrethe.

69 Years Ago April 1, 1943

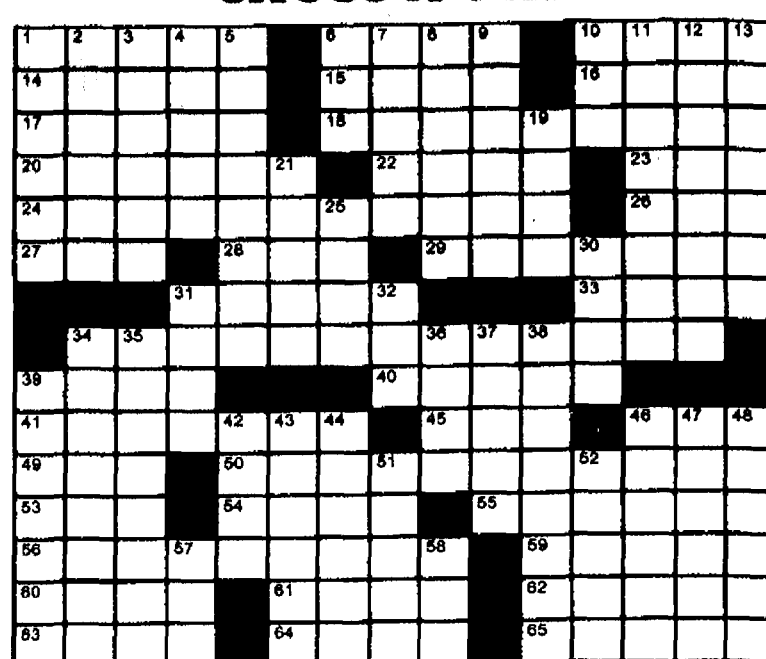
Pfc. and Mrs. Leslie Hunter arrived in Grayling Wednesday morning to spend a day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter. After receiving his diploma at Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Okla., he was very fortunate to be transferred to Detroit where he will begin an advanced course in aircraft engines at Packard Motor Company.

92 Years Ago April 1, 1920

E.W. Behkle has purchased the home of M. Otterbein on Maple Street. The property was formerly owned by Mrs. James Meilstrup.

The Crawford County Road fund is very gratifying. The fine sum of \$48,288.62 accumulated for highway purposes.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Pie chart, for one
6. Kuwaiti, e.g.
10. "___ Smile" (1976 hit)
14. Scalawag
15. Pith helmet
16. Airy
17. Small, long-tailed Old World tropics lizard
18. Black mineral, MnO(OH)
20. Small bell-shaped bomb
22. Cold cuts, e.g.
23. Brunch
24. As fast as possible (music)
26. "Flying Down to ___"
27. Balaam's mount
28. "Dig in!"
29. Wanton
31. Boredom
33. "Cast Away" setting
34. Decorative handicraft and design (3 wd)
39. Particular, for short
40. Antipasto morsel
41. Male sheep
45. "Wheel of Fortune" buy (2 wd)
46. Telekinesis, e.g.
49. "To ___ is human ..."
50. Fertilization
53. Pilot's announcement, briefly
54. Comparative word
55. Unsaturated alcohol
56. Power
59. About to explode
60. Coastal raptor
61. Antares, for one
62. Santa's reindeer, e.g.
63. Medical advice, often
64. Ballyhoo
65. Demands

Down

1. Italian brandy
2. Ginger ___, dancer
3. Playing marbles
4. Cougars
5. Encourages
6. Store convenience, for short
7. Drifts
8. Pertaining to the temporary cessation of breathing
9. Having two spouses simultaneously
10. "My boy"
11. Beekeeper
12. Courtroom do-overs
13. Buttercup family member
19. Above
21. Goddess of the hunt
25. Bowl over
30. Abounding
31. Carve in stone
32. Altar avowal (2 wd)
34. Crack
35. Teaches new skills
36. The Kennedys, e.g.
37. Hard outer layer of cheese (pl.)
38. Science of flying planes
39. Carpet cleaner
42. New news
43. Discuss again
44. Lean
46. Plagiarist
47. Covered with fine black carbon particles
48. Coastal features
51. Open, as a bottle
52. Third canonical hour
57. Undertake, with "out"
58. "... he drove out of sight"

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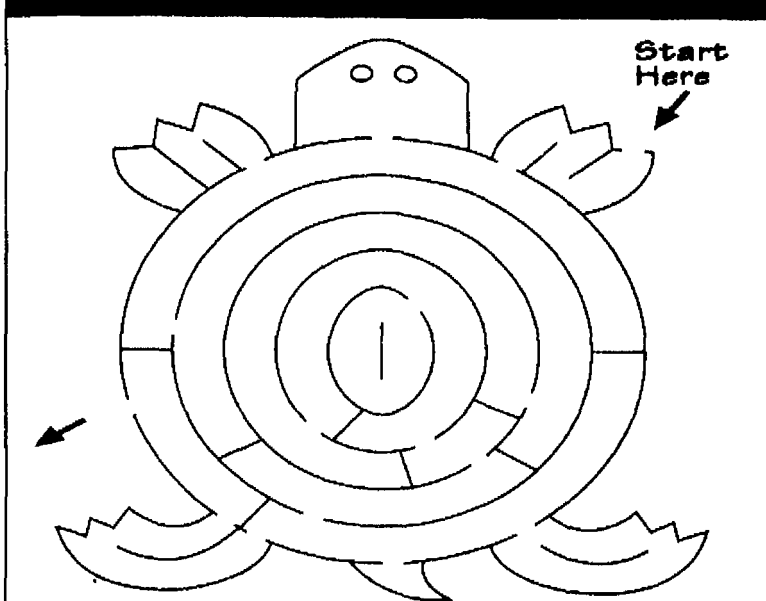
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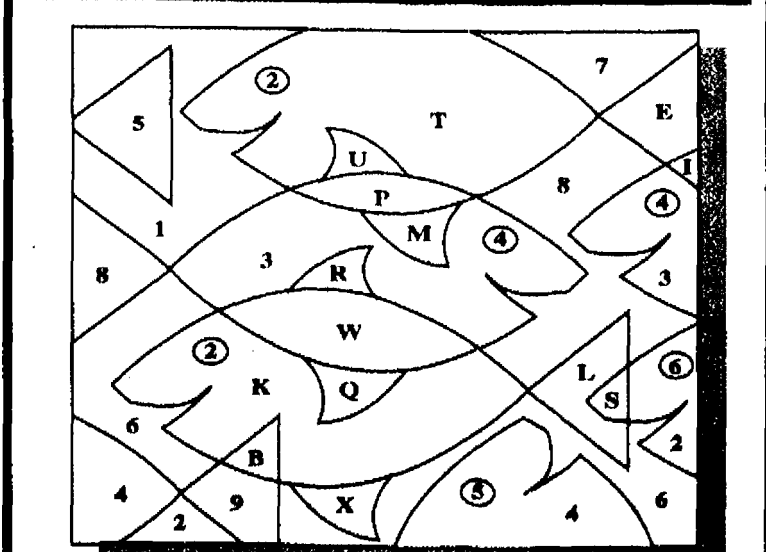
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MAZE



HIDDEN PICTURE



Color in each space that contains a letter.

HOROSCOPES

Week of March 25, 2012



Capricorn
December 22-
January 19

Unbelievable, Capricorn. You set a goal, you devised a plan of attack, and for the first time ever, you held fast and succeeded. This calls for a feast with all the trimmings.



Aries
March 21-
April 19

Crazier things have happened, Aries. If you want to do something, do it. Don't let others' underestimation of you keep you from trying something new.



Cancer
June 22-
July 22

Oh, Cancer. You're such a sympathetic soul, but if you refuse to take off those blinders, you're going to get into trouble. Pay attention and see the situation for what it really is.



Libra
September 23-
October 22

Pace yourself, Libra. Move too fast and you'll risk making a serious mistake. Move too slow, and you'll risk losing out on the project altogether. Find a happy medium.



Aquarius
January 20-
February 18

Be positive, Aquarius. Think something will go wrong, and it most certainly will. Trust that you selected the right people and do your part.



Taurus
April 20-
May 20

Drama unfolds. Don't get sucked in, Taurus. Plug your ears and focus on the job at hand. This is one situation that is bound to end badly.



Leo
July 23-
August 22

Looney Leo? Nah. You may feel that way sometimes, but more often than not you're at the top of your game, and this week is no different. There is nothing out of your league.



Scorpio
October 23-
November 21

Savvy Scorpio. You know just what to say when an opportunity arises and it's yours for the taking. Congrats! Travel is on the agenda. Don't say no.



Pisces
February 19-
March 20

Come off it, Pisces. You made a mistake, but you didn't do it deliberately. Give yourself a break. No one else is worked up about it, so why should you be?



Gemini
May 21-
June 21

All right, Gemini. You learned to pinch your pennies and you're in a better situation than you have been in some time. A celebration is in order.



Virgo
August 23-
September 22

Promises, promises, Virgo. You made one after another, and now it's time to pay the piper, only you don't have the time to commit. Fess up fast.



Sagittarius
November 22-
December 21

Use it or lose it, Sagittarius. There are many resources available. Only one of them will sell the deal. A home improvement project is put on the back burner.

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Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our website www.ascc.petfinder.com

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



CRISPY SANTA FE CHICKEN

Ingredients:

- 4 small boneless skinless chicken breast halves (1 lb.)
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 Soda Crackers, finely crushed (about 1/2 cup)
- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 cup Thick N Chunky Salsa
- 1 cup Mexican Style Finely Shredded Four Cheese

Directions:

HEAT oven to 425°F.

DIP chicken in egg then in cracker crumbs, turning to evenly coat both sides of each piece.

PLACE in 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray; drizzle with butter.

BAKE 20 min. or until chicken is done (165°F). Top with salsa and cheese; bake 5 min. or until cheese is melted.

Serving Suggestion

Serve this tasty chicken dish with hot cooked rice and a crisp green salad tossed with your favorite Light Dressing.

Prep Time: 10 min

Total Time: 35 min

Makes 4 servings

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date H L Rain

03/19 79 47 0

03/20 81 55 0

03/21 85 53 0.11

03/22 86 51 0.38

03/23 84 46 0.15

03/24 90 44 0

03/25 88 22 0

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday Tuesday

High 48 High 53 High 53 High 64 High 62 High 57

Low 29 Low 32 Low 34 Low 41 Low 36 Low 38

Partly Cloudy Cloudy Cloudy Partly Cloudy Partly Cloudy Few Showers

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1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE 2-3 bedroom, 2 full baths. 586-446-0004, 586-713-7500. (-2/8/10/tf/1)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT nice clean 2 bedroom mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. No pets. \$450. 348-2418 (3/29/12/tf/2)

2 BEDROOM HOME located in the Grayling/Lovells area. Large heated pole barn with plenty of storage, located in private association. \$575 per month plus deposit. No pets/non-smoking. 989-390-7315. (-29/2)

EFFICIENCY CABIN Close to town. \$380 per month, \$380 security, \$50 cleaning fee, utilities not included, no pets. 989-348-5124. (-29/2)

2. For Rent

Cobble Creek I located in Grayling, MI is currently accepting applications for 1 Bedroom, 2 Bedrooms, 3 Bedrooms Apartments.

Units of barrier free design may also be available.

Rent is based on income.

FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING CALL 989-348-3150

This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider, and Employer. Equal Housing Opportunity. TDD # (800) 649-3777.

Cobble Creek II Apartments

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2. For Rent

MONTHLY HOME RENTALS near Grayling, Houghton Lake, Roscommon and Higgins Lake. 2 and 3 bedroom. Higgins North Property Services, 989-821-3434. (-1/13/11/tf/2)

RIVER FOREST APARTMENTS 420 Hannah and 239-249 Ballenger Street in Roscommon is updating the waiting list for one, two, three and four bedroom units. Rent is based on income with some rent subsidy. Barrier Free units in building. Applications on site or call Beverly at 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity - Hearing TDD 1-800-855-1155. (-22-29/2)

RESPECTABLE FAMILY of 3 looking to rent your nice home. Perfect renters! Will take care of like our own. No pets, nonsmoking. Grayling area. 989-344-0535. (-29/2A)

2. For Rent

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS is now accepting applications for current availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in the annual lease. Utilities are not included but these units are very energy efficient. Contact Herb Olson, at 989 348-9456, for more information or to schedule a tour. (-3/22/12/tf/2)

3. Employment

DRIVERS NEEDED to drive their own full size cargo vans and extended cargo vans. Must be dependable, 21 or older and have a good driving record. Your hours will vary Monday through Friday. Routes available. Stop by at 107 S. Lewiston Grade, Grayling, MI, or call 888-336-7205 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to fill out a contract. (-29-5/3)

JOBS FOR MEN/WOMEN in transportation. Contact Liberty Truck Driving School. 888-602-5966, www.libertytruckdrivingschool.com. (-2-9-16-23-1-8-15-22-29/3)

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY If you are a business minded, hard working, customer oriented, marketing knowledgeable person, you should call 989-422-6284 and ask for Richard. Callers should be skilled in the use of hand tools, knowledgeable in the construction industry and capable of maintaining themselves and their own business. There is a nation wide need for this product and service. (LR5/3/12/3)

3. Employment

NON SMOKING OFFICE needs part time office help. Monday - Friday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Must have experience with MS software. Duty will include answering phone, keyboarding, typing and labels. Please respond with resume to officehelpparttime@gmail.com or P.O. Box 669, Grayling, MI. (-22-29/3)

NOW HIRING Golf Shop attendants, waitress-bartender, kitchen help - shift cooks, golf course maintenance. Apply in person - Grayling Country Club, 2122 S. I-75 Business Loop. (-22-29/3)

FOR A GREAT OPPORTUNITY Stylist wanted. For an interview, please call 989-858-1861, ask for Mandy. (-29/3)

GAYLORD DIALYSIS full time RN position. Apply at career.davita.com or call 731-6418. 1 year med/surgical experience required. (-29/3)

HOSPICE ADVANTAGE, INC. Hospice Program now accepting applications for Alpena, Gaylord and Grayling counties: Clinical Services Director Must be an RN with hospice and management experience. Per Diem Licensed Master of Social Work; Per Diem Chaplains; Per Diem Registered Nurses; Per Diem Certified Nursing Assistants. At Hospice Advantage, we believe our employees are our Greatest Asset! We offer: All employees eligible for 401k with a 6% match. Competitive Salary. Mileage reimbursement .51 per mile, paid weekly. Comprehensive Benefit Package for FT only. If interested, please visit our website at www.hospiceadvantage.net & click on the Careers tab at the top to search & apply for MI Alpena, Gaylord, and Grayling Counties openings. (-29/3)

3. Employment

HELP WANTED Experienced roofer. Shingles, metal and flat roofs. 989-275-5047. License a must. (-29-5-12-19/3)

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DIETARY AIDE-PART TIME Job consists of minor food preparation, dish washing, putting away stock, cleaning various areas, serving meals to residents. Apply at: Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, 331 Meadows Dr., Grayling (-29-5/3)

4. Services Offered

SPRING CLEAN-UPS, irrigation start ups and repairs. A+ Lawn Care, LLC is here to take care of all your landscape maintenance needs. Call or e-mail for a free estimate. (989) 390-5880 support@aplus.us. (-22-29-5-12-19-26-3-10/4)

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RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04/tf/4)

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3. Employment

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Program Director Needed

Under the direct supervision of the Director of Operations for the Grayling Recreation Authority, this position is responsible for the effective planning, coordination, supervision, delivery and evaluation of comprehensive year-round, seasonal and special recreational activities and programs for the Grayling Recreation Authority.

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Northern Lakes CMH is seeking individuals for the following positions:

Nurse (RN): Assigned within a variety of settings, including the interdisciplinary team and case management. The Nurse-RN primarily works in residential group homes, family homes and day program facilities. Also involves work with a variety of populations across the entire lifespan, but primarily with developmentally disabled consumers. The overall primary function for this position is to assure that nursing/health programming is appropriate and suitable and consistent with generally accepted standards of consumer care. Location: Cadillac

Infant Mental Health Specialist: Provide In Home services to infants and Toddlers with identified disabilities and developmental delays. Qualifications: Masters Degree in Social Work, Psychology or Nursing preferred. Bachelors Degree in Social Work or Nursing considered Licensure with State of Michigan required. Location: Cadillac, Grayling or Houghton Lake

Child and Family Specialist: Demonstrate a belief in Youth Guided Family Driven Care. Responsible for ensuring family support and training, continuity of services, coordination of supports and services, case management functions of assessment, planning, linking, monitoring and advocacy. Is an advocate and service broker for the child and family, a resource to treatment staff, and provides family training.. Participates in the after hour on-call system. Location: Cadillac.

Home Based Therapist: Provide therapeutic services to children and adolescents and their families as needed. Services provided include conducting assessments, making diagnoses, development of treatment plans, providing individual and family therapy, monitoring of progress, and documentation of services. Additionally, this position will be involved in collaboration and consultation with other community human service agencies and schools. Home Based services is an intensive service program that typically takes place in the family home or in other community-based locations. Location: Grayling or Houghton Lake.

For further educational and licensing requirements and further position information please visit www.northernlakescmh.org Send cover letter and resume to HR@nlcmh.org or to Human Resources, Northern Lakes CMH, 105 Hall St., Ste A, Traverse City, MI 49684 EO

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3. Services Offered

CLEAN WINDOWS let the spring sun shine thru. For a free quote call Victor from J & A Clean Windows, 989-390-3984. Residential, commercial. Local and insured. (-29-5-12-19-26/4)

CELEBRATION DJ Local hometown DJ now booking for your grad party, birthday, wedding, any event. 989-390-3337. (-29-5-12/4)

5. For Sale

POLE BUILDINGS & GARAGES Spring Special - 24x40x10. Featuring Ultra 2000 with a 45 year warranty. Call for a free estimate 1-800-541-3974. Tom's Pole Buildings, 4050 Industrial Dr., Harrison. (-1/5/12/tf/5/)

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8. Announcements

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Kirtland Community College is accepting proposals for lawn service from licensed contractors for the annual period of May 1, 2012 to October 31, 2014 at M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord, 60 Livingston Blvd., Gaylord, MI. A pre-bid walk of the site and parking lot will be held Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Proposals will be received until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at Kirtland Community College's facilities management office at which time they will be opened and publicly read. Detailed specifications and bid instructions are available on Kirtland's website at <https://my.kirtland.edu/ics/Community/> or by calling 989-275-5000, ext. 263.

NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is issuing a Request for Proposal for **Food Services at the County Jail** located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in Grayling. The proposal will be for a 5 year contract. Detailed specifications regarding Qualified Bidders and a complete RFP can be obtained on the Crawford County Sheriff's website at www.crawfordsheriff.org/rfp.htm. Proposals must be completed and received by noon on Friday, April 20, 2012 in the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. Crawford County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received in whole or in part. EOE

NOTICE OF BID

The Grayling Fire Department will be accepting bids for installation of insulation system to the fire department building. Bid specs can be requested by contacting Chief Russell H. Strohpaul Jr. by calling 989-348-6319 ext 22 or email graylingfire@cityofgrayling.org. The fire department will be accepting bids until April 15, 2012. Bids may be submitted to the following address:

Grayling Fire Department
1041 City Blvd
Grayling, MI 49738

Selection of bid will not be based on price. Bids will not be awarded at time of submittal expiration. The Grayling Fire Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Russell H. Strohpaul Jr.
Fire Chief

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 12, 2012 at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

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10. Garage Sale

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Crawford County Avalanche Sports

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Seniors vs. Staff game raises \$1,200 for Project Graduation



Grayling High School's annual Seniors vs. Staff basketball game, a fund raiser for Project Graduation, generated more than \$1,200 this year, according to event organizers. The contest, held on Friday night at Grayling High School, also featured a pre-game spaghetti dinner. GHS seniors (above) played basketball against school administrators, teachers, coaches, etc. (below) and the scoreboard read 155-155 at the final buzzer. Project Graduation aims to provide a safe, supervised event for seniors on graduation night.



Photos by Madi Junttila

Brooke Knight, left, dunks for the staff team on Friday night. Shelby Pippin, right, with help from Steven Enos, shoots a lay-up for the seniors.

Honors

Lake Superior State University

Lake Superior State University men's basketball seniors were recognized between games during Feb. 25's doubleheader against Findlay in Sault Ste. Marie.

LSSU senior center Mike Boylan came out during the final minute of the game after converting a three-point play and received a round of applause. Boylan totaled five points, two rebounds and one assist. Findlay went on to win 75-

62 in Bud Cooper Gymnasium.

Boylan finishes with his baccalaureate in criminal justice/criminalistics with a minor in chemistry and associate's in criminal justice law enforcement.

Pool League

Women's Standings
Frederic Inn 184
Legion 151
Gray Rock 130
Ramada Inn 113

Swamp 2 115
Two Track 171
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6 Ball Run: Frela (Frederic Inn), Denise (Legion), Jo (Two Track), Jill (Swamp).

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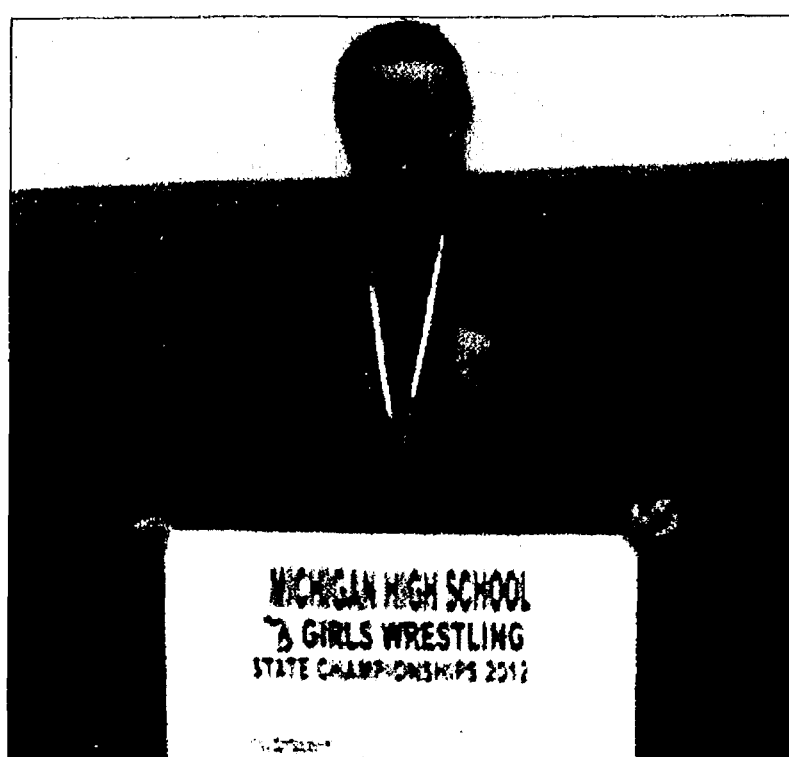
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Wrestler takes 1st at Girls State Championships



Erin Messerschmidt, a freshman at Grayling High School, took first place in her weight division (112) during the 2012 Michigan High School Girls Wrestling State Championships, a tournament held in Fowlerville on March 10.

Bowling Leagues

Senior League

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Legion Lanes . . . 49 - 67
Lone Pine 46 - 70
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High Series Women: C. Clark, 494; M. Rysso, 457; N. Glasslee, 455. High Game Women: M. Rysso, 170; C. Clark, 167; N. Glasslee, 162. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 542; M. Brown, 502; K. Harris, 501. High Game Men: B. Hollis, 219; M. Brown, 179; K. Harris, 175.

Thursday Morning Coffee
Thanks "A Latte" . . 37 - 19
Bowling Buds . . . 33 - 23
Ladybugs 32 - 24

Snow Tops 31 - 25

Fearless 29 - 27
High Series Women: J. Leask, 427; H. Stairs, 423; A. Stanley, 420. High Game Women: M. Brosky, 161; H. Stairs, 159; K. King, 149. High Series Men: B. Hollis, 556; E. Brosky and D. Henning, 522. High Game Men: D. Henning and D. Canfield, 200; B. Hollis, 191.

Friday Mixed Doubles
American Legion . . 62 - 29
L & L Hauling . . . 56 - 35
Don Nester 55 - 36
G & B Rentals . . . 53 - 38
Hot Dam Players . . 50 - 41
Dodi's Karaoke . . . 45 - 46
AJD 34 - 57
High Series Women: T. Rock, 501; T. Benardo, 500; D. Hollis, 473. High Game

Women: T. Rock, 210; T. Benardo, 193; D. Hollis, 185. High Series Men: D. Yelinek, 593; B. Hollis, 555; F. Periard, 552. High Game Men: D. Yelinek, 211; R. Moshier, 205; D. Canfield, 197.

Pioneer League

Pink Ladies . . . 37.5 - 18.5
Tim's Collision . . . 36 - 20
5 B's 30.5 - 25.5
T.C. Lawncare . . . 30 - 26
Legion 30 - 26
Ole Dam 27 - 29
Bosco Babes . . . 23 - 33
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